

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**CHAPTER 317**  
**S.P. 613 - L.D. 1663**

**An Act To Improve the  
Regulation of Debt Collectors**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §11002, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 397, §101, is further amended to read:

**2. Conducting business in this State.** "Conducting business in this State" means the collection or attempted collection of a debt due another by a debt collector located in this State; the ~~face-to-face~~ solicitation of creditors in this State as clients and the collection or attempted collection of their debts by a debt collector, wherever located; or the collection or attempted collection of ~~debts incurred between a debt~~ from a consumer in this State ~~and creditor in this State~~ by a debt collector, wherever located.

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**CHAPTER 318**  
**H.P. 1165 - L.D. 1677**

**An Act Regarding the  
Information Required of Debt  
Buyers for Debt Collection**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §11013, sub-§9, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 216, §5, is amended to read:

D. The ~~principal~~ amount due at charge-off;

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**CHAPTER 319**  
**H.P. 895 - L.D. 1298**

**An Act To Update Maine's  
Water Quality Standards**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §361-A, sub-§1-L** is enacted to read:

**1-L. CFU.** "CFU" means colony-forming units.

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §464, sub-§4, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 193, §1, is further amended to read:

A. Notwithstanding section 414-A, the department may not issue a water discharge license for any of the following discharges:

(1) Direct discharge of pollutants to waters having a drainage area of less than 10 square miles, except that:

(a) Discharges into these waters that were licensed prior to January 1, 1986 are allowed to continue only until practical alternatives exist;

(b) Storm water discharges in compliance with state and local requirements are exempt from this subparagraph;

(c) Aquatic pesticide or chemical discharges approved by the department and conducted by the department, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or an agent of either agency for the purpose of restoring biological communities affected by an invasive species are exempt from this subparagraph;

(d) Chemical discharges for the purpose of restoring water quality in GPA waters approved by the department are exempt from this subparagraph;

(e) Discharges of aquatic pesticides approved by the department for the control of mosquito-borne diseases in the interest of public health and safety using materials and methods that provide for protection of nontarget species are exempt from this subparagraph. When the department issues a license for the discharge of aquatic pesticides authorized under this division, the department shall notify the municipality in which the application is licensed to occur and post the notice on the department's publicly accessible website; and