

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
June 19, 2018 to September 13, 2018

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2019

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$97,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$97,500
HIGHWAY FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$52,500
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$52,500
PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$97,500
HIGHWAY FUND	\$0	\$52,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$150,000

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CHAPTER 469

H.P. 1363 - L.D. 1918

**An Act To Authorize the
Installation of a Gold Star
Family Memorial in Capitol
Park**

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §902, sub-§1-C is enacted to read:

1-C. Gold star family memorial. Notwithstanding section 902-A, subsection 2, paragraph B, the commission may arrange for and oversee the development and installation of a monument honoring gold star families.

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CHAPTER 470

S.P. 756 - L.D. 1922

**An Act To Amend the Child
and Family Services and Child
Protection Act**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4003, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. AA, §3, is further amended to read:

3. Rehabilitation and reunification. ~~Give family rehabilitation and reunification priority~~ Require that reasonable efforts be made to rehabilitate and reunify families as a means for protecting the welfare of children, but prevent needless delay for permanent plans for children when rehabilitation and reunification is not possible;

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 471

S.P. 758 - L.D. 1923

**An Act To Improve the Child
Welfare System**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, maintaining a sufficient number of qualified foster homes provides a critical safety net for vulnerable children; and

Whereas, recruitment and retention of highly qualified child welfare staff will allow for more timely and thorough investigations of allegations of abuse and neglect; and

Whereas, a new comprehensive child welfare information system will make more information available in a timely manner, which will allow for better outcomes for children; and

Whereas, this legislation provides funding necessary to enhance the child welfare system and services available to children in the care of the State; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Rate increase for foster homes. The daily rates for foster homes must be increased as follows: Unlicensed Homes must be increased from \$10.00 to \$18.50, Level A Licensed Homes must be increased from \$16.50 to \$25.00, Level B Licensed Homes must be increased from \$26.25 to \$35.00, Level C Licensed Homes must be increased from \$39.38 to \$45.00, Level D Licensed Homes must be increased from \$52.50 to \$60.00, Level E Licensed Homes must