

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2019**

B. Health insurance, except disability insurance;  
or

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 5, 2019.

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**CHAPTER 21**  
**S.P. 68 - L.D. 256**

**An Act To Ensure Responsible  
Operation of Political Action  
Committees**

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1054-B**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 98, §1, is amended to read:

**§1054-B. Payments to Legislators by political action committees**

If a Legislator is a principal officer or treasurer of a political action committee or is one of the individuals primarily responsible for raising contributions or making decisions for the political action committee, the committee may not compensate the Legislator for services provided to the committee. The committee may not make payments or distribute, loan, advance, deposit or gift money or anything of value to or compensate a business owned or operated by the Legislator. The committee may reimburse the Legislator for expenses incurred in the proper performance of the duties of the Legislator, for purchases made on behalf of the committee and for travel expenses associated with volunteering for the committee. Allowable reimbursement for expenses does not include payments from the committee that are determined by the commission to be for the purpose of personal financial enrichment of the Legislator. The funds of the committee may not be commingled with the personal funds of the Legislator or the funds of a business owned or operated by the Legislator.

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**CHAPTER 22**  
**H.P. 133 - L.D. 170**

**An Act To Prohibit Questions  
Regarding Criminal History on  
Certain State Employment  
Applications**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §792** is enacted to read:

**§792. Application forms for employment**

An application form for employment for a position in State Government may not include any questions regarding an applicant's criminal history except when, due to the nature and requirements of the position, a person who has a criminal history may be disqualified from eligibility for the position. For purposes of this section, "position in State Government" means a position in the legislative, executive or judicial branch of State Government or a position with a quasi-independent state entity or public instrumentality of the State. "Position in State Government" does not include a position in a school administrative unit, municipality, county or other political subdivision of the State.

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**CHAPTER 23**  
**H.P. 377 - L.D. 520**

**An Act To Resolve Tie Votes  
by the Washington County  
Budget Advisory Committee**

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

**Whereas**, county budget advisory committees perform a valuable public service in the development of the budgets of their respective counties; and

**Whereas**, it serves the public interest for county budget advisory committees to resolve disagreements and issues regarding deliberations concerning county budgets and recommendations made by the committees; and

**Whereas**, it is difficult, and sometimes impossible, for a budget advisory committee to perform its duties and issue recommendations with an even number of voting members, as an impasse can result; and

**Whereas**, currently the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee has an even number of voting members and, in order to properly perform its duties regarding the 2019 county budget, a mechanism to prevent future tie votes needs to be in place prior to September of this year; 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. 30-A MRSA §900-B, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 777, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Legislative member.** The Washington County legislative delegation shall annually select one member of the delegation who resides in Washington County to serve as a nonvoting member on the budget advisory committee.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 11, 2019.

**CHAPTER 24**

**H.P. 113 - L.D. 131**

**An Act To Permit a Veterans Organization To Lease Its Facility to an Organization That Is Registered To Operate Beano or Bingo Games without Obtaining a Commercial Beano Hall Permit**

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

**Whereas,** this Act exempts a veterans organization from the requirement to obtain a commercial beano hall permit in order to lease its facility to an organization registered to operate "beano" or "bingo" games; and

**Whereas,** it is necessary that this Act take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to ensure that veterans organizations that rent their facilities for "beano" or "bingo" games during the summer may do so without obtaining the permit required under current law; 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. 17 MRSA §313-C, sub-§1, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJJ, §7, is amended to read:

C. A bona fide nonprofit, charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organization that has been in existence and founded, chartered or organized in the State for at least 2 years prior to its registration; and

**Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §328, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJJ, §29, is further amended to read:

**1. Permit required.** An individual, corporation, partnership or unincorporated association may not rent or lease space for profit to ~~a licensee~~ an organization registered under section 313-C to hold, conduct or operate "Beano" or "Bingo" unless a commercial beano hall permit is obtained from the Gambling Control Unit.

**Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §328, sub-§§6 and 7,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 74, §7, are amended to read:

**6. Membership in registered organization.** The permittee or the permittee's employee may not be a member of ~~a licensee~~ an organization registered under section 313-C renting or leasing the commercial beano hall.

**7. Rent or lease amount.** The permittee shall charge a ~~licensee~~ registrant under section 313-C fair market value and may not charge based on the percentage of profit ~~which that the licensee~~ registrant makes for the rent or lease of a commercial beano hall.

**Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §328, sub-§8,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. JJJJJ, §30, is further amended to read:

**8. Exceptions.** The requirements of this section do not apply to an agricultural fair association that qualifies for registration and operates "beano" or "bingo" games pursuant to section 313. The requirements of this section do not apply to a veterans organization that leases its facility to another organization that is registered to operate "beano" or "bingo" games pursuant to section 313.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 11, 2019.

**CHAPTER 25**

**H.P. 6 - L.D. 5**

**An Act To Require Notification of Proposed Rate Increases for Long-term Care Policies**

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