

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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**April 28, 2021 to July 19, 2021**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
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**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
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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**  
**2021**

For purposes of this section, "building" means any residential, commercial, retail, educational, religious or farm structure that is designed to be occupied by people or domesticated animals or is being used to shelter machines or harvested crops.

For purposes of this section, "projectile" means a bullet, pellet, shot, shell, ball, bolt or other object propelled or launched from a firearm or crossbow.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 75**

**H.P. 417 - L.D. 572**

**An Act To Assist Students in Preparing for Opportunities To Live and Work in Maine**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4713 is enacted to read:

**§4713. Statewide employment projections**

A junior high school or middle school, when providing career or educational programming materials and guidance for students and parents, shall include an electronic link to the publicly accessible website of the Department of Labor, Center for Workforce Research and Information containing statewide employment projections. The department, working with the Department of Labor, shall develop age-appropriate advice for navigating the website containing the statewide employment projections and shall update this advice from time to time as needed.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4730 is enacted to read:

**§4730. Statewide employment projections**

A secondary school, when providing career or educational programming materials and guidance for students and parents, shall include an electronic link to the publicly accessible website of the Department of Labor, Center for Workforce Research and Information containing statewide employment projections. The department, working with the Department of Labor, shall develop age-appropriate advice for navigating the website containing the statewide employment projections and shall update this advice from time to time as needed.

**Sec. 3. Career readiness resources for students.** The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Labor, shall create resources that provide developmentally appropriate guidance and information to students in middle schools, junior high schools and secondary schools regarding statewide employment projections, career exploration and extended learning opportunities, internships, apprenticeship programs and career planning.

**Sec. 4. Report.** No later than January 1, 2022, the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Labor, shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing and the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business regarding the resources created pursuant to section 3 and the progress of the statewide implementation of those resources pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, sections 4713 and 4730.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 76**

**S.P. 513 - L.D. 1620**

**An Act To Support Maine Theaters by Expanding Eligibility for Off-premises Catering Licenses**

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

**Whereas,** it is critically important that this legislation take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to allow auditoriums, civic auditoriums and performing arts centers to provide off-premises catering of spirits, wine and malt liquor at outdoor events or gatherings during the upcoming summer tourist season; 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. 28-A MRSA §1012, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1999, c. 236, §1, is further amended to read:

**3. Off-premise Off-premises catering license.** A Class A restaurant, hotel, bed and breakfast or club, auditorium, civic auditorium or performing arts center licensed to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor may obtain a license to conduct off-premise off-premises catering of spirits, wine and malt liquor as provided in section 1052.

A. The license fee per calendar day of the event or gathering is .....\$10.

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1052, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1999, c. 236, §3, is further amended to read:

1. ~~Off-premise~~ Off-premises catering license for sale of liquor off-premise off premises. Class A restaurants, Class A lounges, Class A restaurant/lounges, hotels, bed and breakfasts ~~and~~ clubs, auditoriums, civic auditoriums and performing arts centers licensed to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor may apply for an additional license to conduct off-premises catering of spirits, wine and malt liquor at planned events or gatherings to be held at locations other than the licensee's premises under this section.

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

Effective May 25, 2021.

authorized in the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$500	\$50,000,000	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$500	\$50,000,000	\$500

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

Effective May 25, 2021.

**CHAPTER 77**

**S.P. 552 - L.D. 1697**

**An Act To Establish a Homeowner Assistance Fund Program and Provide for the Distribution of Funds**

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

**Whereas,** the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, provides funding for the Homeowner Assistance Fund; and

**Whereas,** amounts identified for the Homeowner Assistance Fund will be provided to the State for distribution before the expiration of the 90 days; and

**Whereas,** according to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the funds are intended to prevent mortgage delinquencies and defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services and displacements of homeowners experiencing financial hardship; 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. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Homeowner Assistance Fund N375**

Initiative: Provides one-time allocations necessary to distribute funds from the Homeowner Assistance Fund

**CHAPTER 78**

**H.P. 1263 - L.D. 1700**

**An Act To Provide Allocations for the Administration of State Fiscal Recovery Funds**

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

**Whereas,** the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, establishes the State Fiscal Recovery Fund; and

**Whereas,** the State Fiscal Recovery Fund will be used to provide funds to the State to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and to its negative economic effects, including by providing assistance to households and small and nonprofit businesses, aid to affected industries, such as tourism, travel and hospitality, and assistance to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**Whereas,** funding is needed to ensure the proper coordination, processing, tracking, reporting, reconciling, compliance, auditing and program guidance monitoring and summarizing of the funds from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund; 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. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**