

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals  
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 2, 2020 to March 30, 2021**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**April 28, 2021 to July 19, 2021**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JUNE 29, 2021**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**OCTOBER 18, 2021**

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

---

---

**Augusta, Maine**  
**2021**

The code enforcement officer or other public official making the determination that the property is abandoned shall certify that the property is abandoned and file a copy of that certification with the registry of deeds in the county in which the property is located.

For the purposes of this subsection, "residential real estate" means property that includes a residential structure that has one to 4 residential units.

**3. Tax liens for abandoned property recorded after December 1, 2021.** Notwithstanding section 946-B, a person may not commence an action against the validity of a governmental taking of real estate for nonpayment of property taxes upon the expiration of a 6-month period immediately following a certification under subsection 2 that the property is abandoned. This subsection applies to a tax lien recorded after December 1, 2021.

**4. Program to monitor municipal abandoned property.** A municipality that certifies abandoned property under this section shall submit the address and parcel data for the abandoned property to the Maine State Housing Authority for use in determining opportunities for redevelopment, programs supporting first-time home buyers and similar programs and data analysis.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 128**

**H.P. 819 - L.D. 1141**

**An Act To Amend the Service Contracts Act To Include the Replacement of Motor Vehicle Keys and Key Fobs and Damage to a Motor Vehicle That Results in Lease-end or Other Charges for Excessive Wear and Use**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §7102, sub-§11, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 345, §4 and affected by §7, is amended to read:

D. The repair of small motor vehicle windshield chips or cracks but not the replacement of the entire windshield; or

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §7102, sub-§11, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 345, §4 and affected by §7, is amended to read:

E. The repair of damage to the interior components of a motor vehicle caused by wear and tear but that expressly excludes the replacement of any part or component of a motor vehicle's interior;

**Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §7102, sub-§11, ¶F** is enacted to read:

F. The replacement of a motor vehicle key or key fob in the event the key or key fob becomes inoperable or is lost or stolen; or

**Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §7102, sub-§11, ¶G** is enacted to read:

G. In conjunction with a motor vehicle lease, the repair, replacement or maintenance of the motor vehicle, or indemnification for repair, replacement or maintenance, due to excess wear and use; due to damage for items such as tires, paint cracks or chips, interior stains, rips or scratches, exterior dents or scratches, windshield cracks or chips or missing interior or exterior parts; or due to excess mileage that results in a lease-end charge or any other charge for damage that is determined to be excess wear and use by a lessor under a motor vehicle lease, as long as any such payment does not exceed the purchase price of the motor vehicle.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 129**

**H.P. 860 - L.D. 1182**

**An Act To Allow Commercial Lobster License Holders To Possess a Marine Harvesting Demonstration License**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6810-A, sub-§1-A,** as enacted by PL 2017, c. 146, §2, is amended to read:

**1-A. Eligibility.** A marine harvesting demonstration license may be issued only to an individual, except that a person who holds a ~~Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license or a noncommercial lobster and crab fishing license~~ may not be issued a marine harvesting demonstration license.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6810-A, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 169, §1 and affected by §3, is amended to read:

**3. License limitations.** An individual who holds a marine harvesting demonstration license may not sell, retain, ship or transport any portion of the catch and shall release all organisms alive into the area from which the organisms were harvested. A vessel identified under subsection 6 may not be used for the commercial harvest of marine organisms unless the operator of the vessel holds a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license or as otherwise provided by the department. The trap limits of the vessel operated for the harvest of marine organisms under a Class I, Class