

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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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**  
**2022**

**Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §963**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 505, §2, is further amended to read:

**§963. Review**

The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters shall review the provisions and effects of this chapter no later than ~~June 30, 2022~~ March 30, 2032 and at least once every 10 years ~~after June 30, 2022~~ thereafter. The committee may report out legislation during the session of the Legislature in which a review under this section is completed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 618**

**H.P. 608 - L.D. 840**

**An Act To Prevent Power Line Electrocutions**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §760**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 348, §1, is amended to read:

**§760. Indemnification Liability**

A person is liable to the owner or operator of the overhead high-voltage line and 3rd parties, if any, for all or part of the damages to facilities, and injuries to persons and all or part of the costs, expenses and liabilities incurred by the owner or operator of the overhead high-voltage lines and 3rd parties, if any, as a result of any contact with an overhead high-voltage line if the person causes, permits or allows any work or activity in violation of a provision of this chapter and, as a result, a physical or electrical contact with an overhead high-voltage line occurs. The allocation of damages must be based on the comparative negligence of the parties as set forth in Title 14, section 156, except that employers of injured persons are immune from payment of damages to the extent provided under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 619**

**H.P. 1062 - L.D. 1446**

**An Act To Aid Municipalities in the Issuance of Concealed Handgun Permits**

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2002, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 366, §5, is further amended to read:

**9. Issuing authority.** "Issuing authority" means the following:

A. To a legal resident of a municipality with a full-time chief of police:

(1) ~~The mayor and~~ Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the municipal officers or councilors of a city, the municipal officers or councilors of a town or the assessors of a plantation or, if they so choose, their full-time chief of police as their designee of the municipality; or

(2) The Chief of the State Police as the designee of the municipal officers under section 2002-A;

(3) The chief of police of the municipality if the municipal officers of the municipality designate the chief as the issuing authority;

(4) The chief of police of an adjacent municipality if the municipal officers of the municipality designate the chief as the issuing authority and the chief agrees to the designation in accordance with section 2002-B; or

(5) The sheriff of the county where the municipality is located if the municipal officers of the municipality designate the sheriff as the issuing authority and the sheriff agrees to the designation in accordance with section 2002-B;

A-1. To a legal resident of a municipality without a full-time chief of police:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the municipal officers of the municipality;

(2) The chief of police of an adjacent municipality if the municipal officers of the municipality designate the chief as the issuing authority and the chief agrees to the designation in accordance with section 2002-B;

(3) The sheriff of the county where the municipality is located if the municipal officers of the municipality designate the sheriff as the issuing authority and the sheriff agrees to the designation in accordance with section 2002-B; or

(4) The Chief of the State Police if the municipal officers of the municipality designate the chief as the issuing authority and the chief agrees to the designation in accordance with section 2002-A;

B. To a resident of an unorganized territory:

(1) The Chief of the State Police;

C. To a nonresident: