

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
September 29, 2021

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
January 5, 2022 to May 9, 2022

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
DECEMBER 29, 2021

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
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NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
AUGUST 8, 2022

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

Augusta, Maine
2022

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| Personal Services | \$0 | \$464,348 |
| All Other | \$0 | \$34,680 |
| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE | \$0 | \$499,028 |
| FUNDS TOTAL | | |

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation for contracted services to study similar investor-owned utilities and regulatory efforts.

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| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
| All Other | \$0 | \$400,000 |
| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL | \$0 | \$400,000 |

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| DEPARTMENT TOTALS | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | \$0 | \$899,028 |
| DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS | \$0 | \$899,028 |

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 703

H.P. 1472 - L.D. 1986

An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief for Permanently and Totally Disabled Veterans

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5219-KK, sub-§2-E is enacted to read:

2-E. Permanently and totally disabled veterans; additional credit. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, in addition to the credit under subsection 2-D, a resident individual who is a veteran who is 100% permanently and totally disabled is allowed an additional credit against the taxes imposed under this Part in an amount equal to the amount calculated under subsection 2-D. The combined credit under subsection 2-D and this subsection may not exceed the property taxes paid by the resident individual during the tax year on the resident individual's homestead in this State and rent constituting property taxes paid by the resident individual during the tax year on a homestead in the State, combined. In the case of married individuals filing a joint return, only one spouse is required to be a veteran who is 100% permanently and totally disabled to qualify for the additional credit allowed under this subsection. For the purposes of this subsection, "100% permanently and totally disabled" means having a rating by

the United States Department of Veterans Affairs at 100% for one or more service-connected disabilities that are rated permanent and "veteran" has the same meaning as in section 653, subsection 1, paragraph E.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for computer programming changes to add lines to the individual income tax return.

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| GENERAL FUND | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
| All Other | \$0 | \$22,000 |

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| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | \$0 | \$22,000 |
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See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 704

H.P. 1478 - L.D. 1992

An Act Related to the Electronic Registration and Tagging of Turkey

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12301-B is enacted to read:
§12301-B. Electronic registration of turkey

Beginning in 2023, the department shall allow electronic registration of turkey. The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this section. The rules may include exceptions to or electronic means of compliance with any of the requirements of this chapter for a person who registers a turkey in accordance with the rules. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12302-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 121, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Requirement. Except as provided in section 12307 or rules adopted under section 12301-B, a person who kills a bear, deer, moose or wild turkey shall:

A. Remain with that animal until it is registered, except as provided in section 12303-A;

B. Present that animal for registration in that person's name at the first open registration station for that animal on the route taken by that person; and

C. Leave the registration seal attached to the animal in accordance with section 12301-A until that animal is processed and packaged for consumption.