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**CHAPTER 9
H.P. 19 - L.D. 15**

**An Act to Amend the Law
Governing the State Grant
Program Administered by the
Maine Historic Preservation
Commission**

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

Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §505, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 585, §2, is amended to read:

D. The director may administer a program of state financed grants for the ~~stabilization preservation~~ and restoration of ~~unique historic structures prop- erties~~ consistent with the following conditions.

- (1) An applicant for a grant must be either a governmental or a nonprofit organization.
- (2) The historic ~~structure which property that~~ is the subject of the grant application must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places as ~~provided~~ authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 or have been nominated to the register by the commission.
- (3) An applicant must provide assurance that public access to the ~~structure historic property~~ will be reasonably provided with respect to admission fees, visitation hours and physical accessibility, while maintaining the ~~historical historic~~ integrity of the ~~structure historic prop- erty~~.
- (4) Applications must address, to the satisfac- tion of the commission, the applicant's organi- zational and financial capacity to provide long-term maintenance of ~~that structure which~~ the historic property that is the subject of the application.
- (5) Grants ~~shall~~ may not exceed 50% of the total expense of the proposed project, except that grants to ~~this the~~ State may be 100% of the total expense of the proposed project.
- (6) All grants ~~shall be~~ are subject to final ap- proval, by the commission.
- (7) Prior to final approval, the commission may require the applicant to execute a cove- nant to secure continued public access to and maintenance of the historic integrity of the ~~structure, and a right of first refusal for the State~~ historic property.

With respect to the quality of work to be performed through this grant program, the commission and the director ~~shall~~ must be guided by the United

States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for ~~Re- habilitation~~ the Treatment of Historic Properties.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 10
H.P. 190 - L.D. 292**

**An Act to Establish Maine
Needham Day**

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §150-S is enacted to read:

§150-S. Maine Needham Day

The last Saturday in September of each year is des- ignated as Maine Needham Day, and the Governor shall annually issue a proclamation recognizing the need- ham's place in the State's cultural and culinary tradi- tions. A state agency may promote Maine Needham Day prior to and on the last Saturday in September us- ing appropriate existing budgeted resources.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 11
H.P. 218 - L.D. 344**

**An Act to Establish Maine
Alewife Day**

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §150-S is enacted to read:

§150-S. Maine Alewife Day

The Saturday before Memorial Day of each year is designated as Maine Alewife Day, and the Governor shall issue annually a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State to observe this day in suitable places with appropriate activity.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 12
H.P. 18 - L.D. 14**

**An Act to Simplify an
Assessment Notice
Requirement Under
Department of Labor Laws**

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