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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.

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**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:**

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §61, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1993, c. 52, §2, is further amended to read:

3. Notice of assessments. The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee shall send notice of the assessments ~~by certified mail~~ to each licensed carrier and each group or individual self-insured employer. Payment of assessments must be received in an office of the Department of Labor designated by the commissioner before a date specified in the notice, but not more than 90 days after the date of the ~~mailing notice~~. The department may, through the rules governing this section, assess penalties for late payment. Such penalties may not exceed 6% per year.

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CHAPTER 13

S.P. 59 - L.D. 120

**An Act Regarding the
Committee Structure of the
State Workforce Board**

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §2006, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 246, §4, is amended to read:

2-A. Membership. The board consists of the Governor, ~~or the Governor's designee~~, and, at a minimum, the following members:

A. Representatives from business and industry, representatives from organized labor and representatives of other interests as determined by the Governor. These appointments are subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters and confirmation by the Legislature; and

B. The following ex officio members:

- (1) County commissioners designated by local boards appointed by the Governor;
- (2) The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee;
- (3) The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;
- (4) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee; and
- (5) Other state, county or municipal officials as the Governor considers necessary appointed by the Governor.

The appointments of these members are not subject to review by the joint standing committee of the

Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters or confirmation by the Legislature.

Appointments must be consistent with the representation requirements of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The Governor shall ensure that the board has sufficient expertise to effectively carry out the duties and functions of the board. Members must represent diverse geographic areas of the State, including urban, rural and suburban areas.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §2006, sub-§5-B, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §17, is further amended to read:

5-B. Commission on Disability and Employment. In addition to its other duties, the board, through its Commission on Disability and Employment, a ~~standing~~ committee created pursuant to subsection 7, ~~paragraph A, subparagraph (2)~~ and referred to in this subsection as "the standing committee," shall perform the duties of the former Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

A. The standing committee shall:

- (1) Advise, consult and assist the executive and legislative branches of State Government on activities of State Government that affect the employment of ~~disabled~~ individuals with disabilities. The standing committee is solely advisory in nature. The standing committee may advise regarding state and federal plans and proposed budgetary, legislative or policy actions affecting ~~disabled~~ individuals with disabilities;
- (2) Serve as an advocate on behalf of ~~disabled~~ citizens with disabilities promoting and assisting activities designed to further equal opportunity for ~~people~~ individuals with disabilities;
- (3) Conduct educational programs considered necessary to promote public understanding of the employment-related needs and abilities of ~~disabled~~ citizens of this State with disabilities;
- (4) Provide information, training and technical assistance to promote greater employer acceptance of ~~disabled~~ workers with disabilities;
- (5) Advise and assist employers and other organizations interested in developing employment opportunities for ~~disabled people~~ individuals with disabilities; and
- (6) Work with state and local government officials, organizations representing ~~persons~~ individuals with disabilities and the business community to inform the public of the benefits of making facilities and services accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.