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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
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~~A. An area not used for living, sleeping, eating, cooking or sanitation, such as an unfinished basement, that is not readily accessible to children under 6 years of age;~~

B. A zero-bedroom dwelling unit where the living area is not separated from the sleeping area, such as a dwelling unit within a hotel, motel or seasonal or temporary lodging facility unless the unit is occupied by one or more children under 6 years of age for a period exceeding 30 days. This exemption does not apply if a child under 6 years of age resides or is expected to reside in the dwelling unit or visit the dwelling unit on a regular basis;

~~C. An area that is secured and inaccessible to occupants;~~

D. Housing for the elderly, or a dwelling unit designated exclusively for adults with disabilities. This exemption does not apply if a child under 6 years of age resides or is expected to reside in the dwelling unit or visit the dwelling unit on a regular basis; or

E. An unoccupied dwelling unit that is to be demolished because it is considered unsafe and is thus no longer habitable for occupation, as long as the dwelling unit remains unoccupied and posted as a lead hazard until demolition.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1292, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1997, c. 624, §14 and PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

5. Exemption. A person who is 18 years of age or older need not obtain licensing and certification to perform lead abatement activities within a residential dwelling unit that the person owns and personally occupies, as long as a child residing in the dwelling unit has not been identified as lead-poisoned. ~~A person 18 years of age or older who owns and personally occupies a dwelling unit in which a resident child has been identified as lead-poisoned need not obtain licensing and certification to perform abatement activities within that dwelling unit, as long as the person completes any training required by the Department of Health and Human Services.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 29
H.P. 50 - L.D. 80**

**An Act to Improve Family
Economic Security Under the
Temporary Assistance for
Needy Families Program**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3762, sub-§3, ¶B, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §176, is amended by repealing subparagraph (7-D), division (a) and enacting the following in its place:

(a) One hundred percent of:

(i) All earned income received for the first 3 months of employment that began while participating in TANF; or

(ii) The first 3 months of any increase in earned income received while participating in TANF.

Any month in which the disregard under this division does not increase the recipient's benefit above that which the benefit would be if the disregard in division (c) is applied does not count as a month in which earned income is disregarded under this division;

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3762, sub-§3, ¶B, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §176, is amended by repealing subparagraph (7-D), division (b) and enacting the following in its place:

(b) Seventy-five percent of:

(i) All earned income received for the 4th to 6th months of employment that began while participating in TANF; or

(ii) The 4th to 6th months of any increase in earned income received while participating in TANF.

Any month in which the disregard under this division does not increase the recipient's benefit above that which the benefit would be if the disregard in division (c) is applied does not count as a month in which earned income is disregarded under this division;

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**CHAPTER 30
S.P. 53 - L.D. 114**

**An Act to Make Technical
Amendments to Banking Laws**

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

Sec. 1. 9-B MRSA §214, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 2003, c. 322, §6, is further amended to read: