

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 7, 2022 to March 30, 2023

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
April 5, 2023 to July 26, 2023

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS
JUNE 29, 2023

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS
OCTOBER 25, 2023

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

Augusta, Maine
2023

§9-305-A. Timely payments from escrow and notice of sale or transfer of mortgage on real estate

1. Payments from escrow. A creditor, assignee or servicer that holds or controls funds of a consumer in an escrow account for the payment of taxes or insurance premiums shall make timely payments from that escrow account for a consumer credit transaction secured by a mortgage on real estate. A creditor, assignee or servicer is liable to the consumer for actual damages resulting from failure to make timely payments from that escrow account. The creditor, assignee or servicer shall also rectify the results of a failure to make timely payments, including causing corrections of the consumer's credit report and causing the discharge of any liens against the consumer's real estate.

2. Notice of transfer or sale of mortgage on real estate. A creditor, assignee or servicer that holds or controls funds of a consumer in an escrow account for the payment of insurance premiums for a consumer credit transaction secured by a mortgage on real estate shall notify the insurer that provides insurance coverage for the real estate subject to the mortgage upon the sale or transfer of the mortgage. A creditor, assignee or servicer may satisfy the notice requirement in this subsection by providing the insurer with a copy of the notice of the sale or transfer of the mortgage sent to the consumer.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 70

H.P. 369 - L.D. 574

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Working Waterfront Covenants

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

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §131, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 574, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Qualified holder. "Qualified holder" or "holder" means:

A. A governmental entity authorized to hold an interest in real property;

B. A nonprofit organization organized under state law whose purposes include the permanent protection of working waterfront or the enlargement of working waterfront opportunities for commercial fisheries businesses; or

C. A nonprofit organization organized under state law whose purposes or powers include retaining or protecting coastal community values, culture or

heritage, coastal habitat or real property that provides coastal water access.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 71

H.P. 377 - L.D. 600

An Act to Expand Availability of Naloxone Hydrochloride

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§4, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. With the express consent of a municipality, an overdose prevention program established under this subsection may provide and maintain naloxone hydrochloride in a wall-mounted box or other visible and accessible container on publicly accessible property of the municipality, including a municipal building, public restroom, public library or public park or recreational facility, for use by a member of the public in response to an opioid-related drug overdose.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§5, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. A municipality or overdose prevention program is immune from criminal and civil liability for providing or maintaining naloxone hydrochloride containers under subsection 4, paragraph C.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 72

H.P. 456 - L.D. 687

An Act to Increase the Allowable Width of a Snowplow

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2380, sub-§8, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 335, §8, is amended to read:

D. Snowplows and equipment mounted on a vehicle traveling from one work location to another work location during a snow event, or traveling from the point of purchase to a storage location, as long as the vehicle does not exceed ~~408~~ 126 inches in total width. For the purposes of this paragraph, "snow event" means the period beginning 48 hours

before a snowstorm and ending 48 hours after the snowstorm.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 73
S.P. 309 - L.D. 751**

**An Act to Clarify the Powers of
a Conservator to Transfer
Property**

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

Sec. 1. 18-C MRSA §5-414, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

B. Sell, encumber, convey or release an interest in, sign or revoke a transfer on death deed for or surrender a lease to the primary dwelling of the individual subject to conservatorship. For purposes of this paragraph, "transfer on death deed" has the same meaning as in section 6-402, subsection 6;

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 74
H.P. 523 - L.D. 834**

**An Act to Ensure
Transparency in the Labeling
of Meat as Grass-fed**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2157, sub-§15, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 528, §10 and corrected by RR 2019, c. 1, Pt. A, §23, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

For the purposes of this subsection, "hemp" has the same meaning as in Title 7, section 2231, subsection 1-A, paragraph D; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2157, sub-§16, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 455, §1 and reallocated by RR 2019, c. 1, Pt. A, §22, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

As used in this subsection, "poultry," "poultry product," "meat" and "meat product" have the same meanings as in section 2511-~~;~~ or

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2157, sub-§17 is enacted to read:

17. Grass-fed claims. If a person sells, offers for sale or distributes within the State or sells, offers for sale or serves in any retail food establishment or eating

establishment as defined in section 2491, subsection 7 any meat or meat product as defined in section 2511 labeled or advertised as "grass-fed" or by similar designation unless the ruminant animal was grass-fed.

For purposes of this subsection, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Acceptable additional feed" means hay, haylage, baleage, silage, crop residue without grain and other sources of roughage as well as routine mineral and vitamin supplementation.

B. "Forage" means annual or perennial grasses, forbs and other browse. "Forage" also includes cereal grain crops in the vegetative stage of growth.

C. "Grass-fed" means, with respect to meat or a meat product, that the ruminant animal from which the meat was derived:

(1) Consumed only forage and acceptable additional feed during its lifetime with the exception of milk consumed prior to its weaning; and

(2) Had continuous access to pasture during each growing season until slaughter.

A determination that meat or a meat product is misbranded may be waived by the commissioner upon application if the commissioner finds a waiver warranted due to inadvertent exposure of the animal to nonforage feedstuffs or because incidental supplementation with nonforage feedstuffs was necessary to ensure the well-being of the animal during adverse environmental or physical conditions.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 75
H.P. 670 - L.D. 1034**

**An Act to Require That Service
of a Temporary Protection
Order Be Attempted Within 48
Hours from the Issuance of the
Order**

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4114, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is amended to read:

11. Service of protection from abuse order. Every law enforcement agency shall adopt a written policy on the service of protection from abuse orders that directs that every order issued under this chapter is served on the subject of the order as quickly as possible, including that service of every temporary, emergency or