

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**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.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2023**

**Sec. 9. 30-A MRSA §855, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

**3. Public hearing.** The budget committee shall hold a public hearing in the county on the proposed budget before the end of the county's fiscal year and before the final adoption of the budget. Notice of the hearing shall be given at least 10 days before the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. Written notice and a copy of the proposed budget shall be sent ~~by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, or delivered in person, with proof received of the delivery,~~ to the clerk of each municipality in the county in accordance with section 701, subsection 3. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officers of the proposed budget.

**Sec. 10. 30-A MRSA §864, sub-§3-A**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 533, §6 and affected by §10, is amended to read:

**3-A. Written notification.** Written notice and a copy of the proposed budget must be sent or delivered in accordance with section 701, subsection 3 at least 10 days before the public hearing to the clerk of each municipality in the county. The municipal clerk shall notify the elected officials of the proposed budget.

**Sec. 11. 30-A MRSA §874, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 495, is amended to read:

**3. Public hearing.** The advisory committee shall hold a public hearing in the county on the proposed budget before the end of the county's fiscal year and before the final adoption of the budget. Notice of the hearing must be given in all newspapers of general circulation within the county at least 10 days before the hearing. Written notice and a copy of the proposed budget must be sent ~~by mail, or delivered in person,~~ to the clerk of each municipality in the county in accordance with section 701, subsection 3. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officials of the proposed budget.

**Sec. 12. 30-A MRSA §897, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 582, §1, is amended to read:

**3. Public hearing.** The budget committee shall hold a public hearing in the county on the proposed budget before the end of the county's fiscal year and before final adoption of the budget. Notice of the hearing must be given in all newspapers of general circulation within the county at least 10 days before the hearing. Written notice and a copy of the proposed budget must be sent ~~by mail or delivered in person~~ to the clerk of each municipality in the county in accordance with section 701, subsection 3. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officials of the proposed budget.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 88  
H.P. 160 - L.D. 239**

**An Act to Establish the  
Pink-edged Sulphur as the  
State Butterfly**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §231** is enacted to read:

**§231. State butterfly**

The Pink-edged Sulphur (Colias interior) is the official state butterfly.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 89  
H.P. 278 - L.D. 449**

**An Act to Authorize the  
Department of Health and  
Human Services to License  
Home-based and  
Community-based Services for  
Persons with an Intellectual  
Disability, Autism Spectrum  
Disorder or a Related  
Condition or an Acquired  
Brain Injury and Define  
Autism Spectrum Disorder**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3089, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Licensing.** As provided in Title 34-B, section 1203-B, the department shall license agencies, as defined in that section, that serve or provide support for an adult with an acquired brain injury.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §7801, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 661, §3, is further amended to read:

**3. Residential care facilities.** A residential care facility providing care to no more than 2 residents is not required to obtain a license under subsection 1, unless the license is required for the residential care facilities to receive payment from available state funds, including the State's share of MaineCare reimbursements. The department may issue 2-year licenses and conduct modified surveys for compliance of those facilities as long as the facilities have relatively deficiency-free surveys with no history of health or safety violations.

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §7801, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read: