

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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

**5. Rulemaking.** The board shall adopt rules to implement the requirements of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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**CHAPTER 116  
H.P. 276 - L.D. 443**

**An Act to Prohibit Marriage of Any Person Under 17 Years of Age**

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

**Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §652, sub-§7,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 340, §10, is further amended to read:

**7. Parties ~~under 18~~ who are 17 years of age.** A marriage license may not be issued to persons ~~under 18~~ who are 17 years of age without the written consent of their parents, guardians or persons to whom a court has given custody. In the absence of persons qualified to give consent, the judge of probate in the county where each minor resides may grant consent after notice and opportunity for hearing.

**Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §652, sub-§8,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 340, §11 and c. 535, §1, is further amended to read:

**8. Parties under ~~16~~ 17 years of age.** The clerk or State Registrar of Vital Statistics may not issue a marriage license to a person under ~~16~~ 17 years of age.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 117  
S.P. 268 - L.D. 651**

**An Act to Amend the Standards for Manufactured Housing to Comply with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Standards**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4358, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 625, Pt. A, §35, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) Those units constructed after June 15, 1976, commonly called "newer mobile homes," that the manufacturer certifies are constructed in compliance with the United

States Department of Housing and Urban Development standards, meaning structures transportable in one or more sections, that in the traveling mode are ~~14~~ 8 body feet or more in width and 40 body feet or more in length or, when erected on site, are ~~750~~ 320 or more square feet, and that are built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as dwellings, with or without permanent foundations, when connected to the required utilities including the plumbing, heating, air conditioning or electrical systems contained in the unit.

(a) This term also includes any structure that meets all the requirements of this subparagraph except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and complies with the standards established under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, United States Code, Title 42, Section 5401, et seq.; and

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**CHAPTER 118  
H.P. 457 - L.D. 688**

**An Act to Protect Access to Veterinary Care by Prohibiting Noncompete Agreements**

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §599-A, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 513, §1, is amended to read:

**3. Prohibited for certain workers.** Notwithstanding subsection 2, an employer may not require or permit an employee earning wages at or below 400% of the federal poverty level to enter into a noncompete agreement with the employer: if:

A. The employee is earning wages at or below 400% of the federal poverty level; or

B. The employee is a veterinarian licensed under Title 32, chapter 71-A and is employed in a veterinary facility in which the employee does not have an ownership interest.

A court may not enforce a noncompete agreement entered into or renewed with an employee who is a veterinarian licensed under Title 32, chapter 71-A before the effective date of this paragraph unless