

# 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**

electric bicycle rebates to recipients who are low-income and moderate-income individuals and to entities that serve those individuals, as determined by the trust. For a recipient to receive a rebate for the purchase of an electric bicycle under the program, the electric bicycle must serve as the recipient's principal means of commuting, as determined by the trust.

The trust shall establish the rebate amount for each eligible electric vehicle. The trust shall establish rebate amounts that it determines most effectively increase the purchase of eligible electric vehicles to advance the State's carbon reduction targets and reduce transportation-related energy costs. For each model of an eligible electric vehicle, the trust may establish different rebate amounts based on the size of the vehicle battery. The trust may establish different rebate amounts for the purpose of providing reasonable opportunity for participation in the program across different customer groups and geographic areas. The trust may establish reasonable limits on the number of rebates per vehicle or per person.

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**CHAPTER 141**  
**H.P. 169 - L.D. 264**

**An Act to Clarify the Process  
for Admission to the Bar on  
Motion**

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

**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §805-A, sub-§2, ¶C**, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §23, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §805-A, sub-§2, ¶D** is enacted to read:

D. Establishes that the applicant has satisfied all of the other requirements under the Maine Bar Admission Rules for the board to issue a certificate of qualification.

**Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §805-A, sub-§3**, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §23, is amended to read:

**3. Admission within one year of passing bar examination.** ~~The~~ An applicant for admission by examination must be admitted to practice within one year from the ~~time~~ date that the applicant has been notified of that applicant's passing of the bar examination. This one-year period may be ~~enlarged~~ extended by successive one-year periods by a Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court on motion for good cause shown during the period.

**Sec. 4. 4 MRSA §805-A, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Admission within one year of applying for admission on motion.** An applicant who is an attorney admitted to practice law in a state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia who meets the requirements for admission on motion under the Maine Bar Admission Rules must be admitted to practice within one year from the date that the board of bar examiners receives the applicant's application. This period may be extended by a 6-month period by the board of bar examiners pursuant to the regulations of the board of bar examiners and then by successive one-year periods by a Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court on motion for good cause shown during the 6-month period or any succeeding one-year period.

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**CHAPTER 142**  
**H.P. 184 - L.D. 286**

**An Act to Authorize the Use of  
Tax Increment Financing  
Funds for Constructing or  
Renovating Local Central  
Administrative Offices**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A, §46, is amended by amending subparagraph (10) to read:

(10) Costs associated with broadband and fiber optics expansion projects, including preparation, planning, engineering and other related costs in addition to the construction costs of those projects. If an area within a municipality or plantation is unserved with respect to broadband service, as defined by the ConnectMaine Authority as provided in Title 35-A, section 9204-A, subsection 1, broadband and fiber optics expansion projects may serve residential or other nonbusiness or non-commercial areas in addition to business or commercial areas within the municipality or plantation; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A, §46, is amended by amending subparagraph (11) to read:

(11) Costs associated with the operation and financial support of:

(a) Affordable housing in the municipality or plantation to serve ongoing economic development efforts, including the further development of the downtown tax increment financing districts; and