

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
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THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
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NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2023

discourage the department from managing another parcel of land to promote habitat for deer. The department and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall include a summary of additions or changes to deer wintering areas under this section in an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10264, first ¶, as amended by PL 2021, c. 409, §6, is further amended to read:

The Maine Deer Management Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the department as a nonlapsing fund to be used by the commissioner to fund or assist in funding predator control and to acquire or enhance deer habitat. If the funds from the fund are used to directly enhance or manage a deer wintering area on land under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands, the land must be designated as a deer wintering area pursuant to section 1805-A. The commissioner shall establish on the department's online licensing system checkoff options that allow a person to donate money for predator control or deer habitat acquisition or enhancement. The checkoff options must be prominently displayed and contain web links to information about how the checkoff revenues have been and will be used. The commissioner shall also print in a prominent place on every paper application for a hunting license checkoff options that allow a person to donate money to the fund for predator control or deer habitat acquisition or enhancement. Revenues from the checkoffs must be deposited in the fund and used for purposes indicated by the checkoffs.

Sec. 3. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands and Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to survey regions to locate unmapped deer wintering areas. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands and Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall survey public lands in the northern, eastern and western regions of the State to locate existing and unmapped deer wintering areas. The bureau may designate any unmapped deer wintering areas located pursuant to this section as a deer wintering area pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 1805-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 188
H.P. 1165 - L.D. 1833**

**An Act to Amend the
Definition of "Educational
Institution" Under the Maine
Human Rights Act to Include
Single-sex Educational
Institutions**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4553, sub-§2-A, as amended by PL 1995, c. 393, §4, is further amended to read:

2-A. Educational institution. "Educational institution" means any public school or educational program, any public ~~post-secondary~~ postsecondary institution, any private school or educational program approved for tuition purposes ~~if both male and female students are admitted~~ and the governing body of each such school or program. ~~For purposes related to disability-related discrimination, "educational institution" also means any private school or educational program approved for tuition purposes.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 189
H.P. 164 - L.D. 259**

**An Act Making Unified
Allocations from the Highway
Fund and Other Funds for the
Expenditures of State
Government and Changing
Certain Provisions of the Law
Necessary to the Proper
Operations of State
Government for the Fiscal
Years Ending June 30, 2023,
June 30, 2024 and June 30,
2025**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state departments and institutions will become due and payable immediately; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of