

# 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**

closing to encourage water to drain from areas containing water. Containers holding live baitfish for personal or commercial use are exempted from requirements in this subsection; and

B. May not allow drains to be opened in a way that allows water to enter any inland water body of the State pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph E.

For the purposes of this subsection, "watercraft" has the same meaning as in Title 12, section 13001, subsection 28.

Nothing in this subsection allows a person to directly or indirectly discharge pollutants into any inland water body of the State. This subsection does not apply to emergency response watercraft and their related equipment.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 16, 2023.

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**CHAPTER 191  
H.P. 299 - L.D. 482**

**An Act to Extend the Time for  
Youth Deer Hunting**

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

**Whereas,** this legislation creates a 2-day youth deer hunting period in 2023; and

**Whereas,** the earliest date for the youth deer hunting period is expected to be October 20, 2023; and

**Whereas,** this legislation must take effect in time to prepare for the start of the 2023 deer hunting season; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish 2-day youth deer hunting period.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11402, subsection 4, paragraph C, for the 2023 deer hunting season only, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish a 2-day youth deer hunting period beginning 8 days before the start of the 2023 regular deer hunting season.

**Sec. 2. Examination.** The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall examine the impact of an additional dedicated youth hunting day, as required by section 1, on the deer population including the impact on the antlerless deer population and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's ability to meet its wildlife management goals.

**Sec. 3. Report.** By March 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that includes findings and recommendations of the examination pursuant to section 2, including any recommended legislation, if needed. After receiving the report, the committee may report out a bill relating to the examination to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 16, 2023.

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**CHAPTER 192  
H.P. 1095 - L.D. 1706**

**An Act to Clarify Statewide  
Laws Regarding Affordable  
Housing and Accessory  
Dwelling Units**

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

**Whereas,** current law requires, beginning July 1, 2023, all municipalities to allow a certain number of dwelling units under certain circumstances and the construction of accessory dwelling units on the same lot as a single-family dwelling unit and to comply with certain other zoning requirements; and

**Whereas,** it is the intent of this legislation to extend the implementation date for certain municipalities; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4364, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §4, is amended to read: