

# 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**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
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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**

**CHAPTER 223  
S.P. 318 - L.D. 760**

**An Act to Amend the Laws  
Regarding Signature  
Requirements on Issuance of  
General Obligation Bonds**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §144**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. Y, §14, is further amended to read:

**§144. Form of unregistered bonds**

Unregistered bonds issued under the laws of the State must ~~bear the signature, or the facsimile of the signature, of the Governor, and must~~ be signed by the Treasurer of State or the Treasurer of State's deputy and attested by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or such agent as the commissioner may designate. The seal of the State may be a facsimile.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §145**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. Y, §15, is further amended to read:

**§145. Registered bonds**

The Treasurer of State may issue registered bonds, transferable by assignment, in pieces of not less than \$1,000, and of any multiple of 1,000, in exchange for, and in place of, any coupon bonds issued under the laws of this State, bearing the same rate of interest and maturing at the same time as the bonds that the Treasurer of State may receive therefor in exchange. The place of payment prescribed therein must be the State Treasury. ~~Said Those bonds must bear the facsimile of the signature of the Governor and must~~ be signed by the Treasurer of State or the Treasurer of State's deputy and attested by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or such agent as the commissioner may designate.

**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §145-A, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. Y, §16, is further amended to read:

The minibonds must ~~bear the facsimile of the signature of the Governor and must~~ be signed by the Treasurer of State, or the Treasurer of State's deputy, and attested by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or such agent as the commissioner may designate.

**Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §145-B, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. Y, §17, is further amended to read:

**2. Signatures.** Registered bonds must bear the facsimile ~~signatures of the Governor and~~ signature of the Treasurer of State, or the Treasurer of State's deputy, and must be attested by the facsimile signature of the

Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services or such agents as the commissioner may designate. Whenever signatures on registered bonds of other state officials are required, their facsimile signatures may be used.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 224  
H.P. 680 - L.D. 1085**

**An Act to Extend the  
Comparable Health Care  
Service Incentive Program  
Beyond 2023**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4318-A, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 232, §8, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4318-B, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 232, §9, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 225  
H.P. 814 - L.D. 1266**

**An Act to Clarify the Producer  
Licensure Required to Act as a  
Pet Insurance Producer**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §3158, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

**3. License.** Notwithstanding any provision of this Title to the contrary, a person licensed in any of the following lines of authority may sell, solicit and negotiate pet insurance:

- A. Property;
- B. Accident and health or sickness; or
- C. Personal lines.

See title page for effective date.