

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

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**December 7, 2022 to March 30, 2023**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
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**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
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**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
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**OCTOBER 25, 2023**

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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**

B. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

C. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.

**3. Offer lead sinker ~~or~~, bare lead jig or painted lead jig for sale.** This subsection governs offering lead sinkers ~~and~~, bare lead jigs and painted lead jigs for sale.

A. A person may not:

- (1) Offer for sale a lead sinker; ~~or~~
- (2) Beginning September 1, 2016, offer for sale a bare lead jig; ~~or~~
- (3) Beginning September 1, 2024, offer for sale a painted lead jig.

B. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

C. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12664**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 372, §3, is amended to read:

**§12664. Unlawful use of lead sinkers ~~and~~, bare lead jigs and painted lead jigs**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Bare lead jig" means an unpainted lead jig that contains lead and that:

- (1) Weighs one ounce or less; or
- (2) Measures 2 1/2 inches or less in length.

B. "Lead sinker" means a device that contains lead that is designed to be attached to a fishing line and intended to sink the line and that:

- (1) Weighs one ounce or less; or
- (2) Measures 2 1/2 inches or less in length.

"Lead sinker" does not include artificial lures, weighted line, weighted flies or jig heads.

C. "Painted lead jig" means a painted lead jig that contains lead and that:

- (1) Weighs one ounce or less; or
- (2) Measures 2 1/2 inches or less in length.

**2. Unlawful use.** This subsection governs the use of lead sinkers ~~and~~, bare lead jigs and painted lead jigs.

A. A person may not:

- (1) Use a lead sinker; ~~or~~
- (2) Beginning September 1, 2017, use a bare lead jig; ~~or~~
- (3) Beginning September 1, 2026, use a painted lead jig.

B. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

C. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 232**

**H.P. 815 - L.D. 1267**

**An Act to Provide Alternative Methods of Payment to Health Care Providers**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2436, sub-§1-A**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 58, §1, is amended to read:

**1-A.** A claimant, including a health care provider, may submit simultaneously a claim for payment with all carriers potentially liable for payment of the claim whether primary or secondary. Payment or denial of a claim by each carrier must be made within 30 calendar days after the carrier has received all information needed to pay or deny the claim whether or not another carrier with which it is attempting to coordinate has acted on the claim. Upon request by a health care provider, a carrier shall provide the health care provider a method for making a claims payment using an electronic funds transfer through the automated clearing-house network. Any payment made must be in accordance with rules adopted by the superintendent relative to coordination of benefits.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 233**

**H.P. 882 - L.D. 1368**

**An Act to Ensure Fairness in Unemployment Benefits by Clarifying Laws Regarding Labor Organizations**

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