

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

(e) The sum of compensatory damages awarded under this subparagraph for future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, loss of enjoyment of life, other nonpecuniary losses and the amount of punitive damages awarded under this section may not exceed for each complaining party:

- (i) In the case of a respondent who has more than 14 and fewer than 101 employees in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year, ~~\$50,000~~ \$100,000;
- (ii) In the case of a respondent who has more than 100 and fewer than 201 employees in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year, ~~\$100,000~~ \$300,000;
- (iii) In the case of a respondent who has more than 200 and fewer than 501 employees in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year, ~~\$300,000~~ \$500,000; and
- (iv) In the case of a respondent who has more than 500 employees in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year, ~~\$500,000~~ \$1,000,000.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 264  
S.P. 592 - L.D. 1473**

**An Act to Protect Certain  
Unfiltered Drinking Water  
Sources**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4364, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

**9. Exception.** This section does not apply to a lot or portion of a lot that is within the watershed of a water source that is located in the City of Lewiston or the City of Auburn and that is used to provide drinking water by a water utility that has received a waiver from filtration pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 141.70 to 141.76, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Exception.** This section does not apply to a lot or portion of a lot that is within the watershed of a water source that is located in the City of Lewiston or the City of Auburn and that is used to provide drinking water by a water utility that has received a waiver from filtration pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 141.70 to 141.76, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Exception.** This section does not apply to a lot or portion of a lot that is within the watershed of a water source that is located in the City of Lewiston or the City of Auburn and that is used to provide drinking water by a water utility that has received a waiver from filtration pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 141.70 to 141.76, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Sec. 4. Drinking water program; study.** The drinking water program within the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, in coordination with the Department of Environmental Protection, shall evaluate state law and rules designed to protect the water quality of water sources and their related watersheds that are used to provide drinking water by a water utility that has received a waiver from filtration pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 141.70 to 141.76, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services, and to identify any necessary changes to state law or rules or any other actions that can be implemented to strengthen the protections for those water sources and watersheds. On or before January 15, 2024, the program shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources a report summarizing its evaluation under this section and providing any recommendations, including any proposed legislation, resulting from the evaluation. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 265  
H.P. 980 - L.D. 1525**

**An Act to Allow for a  
Suspension of Licenses and  
Permits Issued Under the  
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
Laws for a Deferred  
Disposition or Written Filing  
Agreement**

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