

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
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shall receive all copies of seizures on execution and special attachments made and attested by any officer of real property situate in their respective counties or districts and certify on them the time when they are received, and certificates of advertised stallions and copies of processes against domestic corporations filed for service by officers in the registry, keep them on file for the inspection of parties interested and enter them in suitable records properly indexed.

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**CHAPTER 379
S.P. 151 - L.D. 330**

**An Act Regarding Legal
Representation for Residents
Facing Eviction**

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6001, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. **Notice to quit; form notice required.** Beginning January 1, 2024, a landlord shall attach to a notice to terminate tenancy served upon a tenant the form notice posted on the publicly accessible website of the judicial branch in accordance with section 6004, subsection 2.

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §6004, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. **Notice of counsel.** If the court has been advised that an attorney is available to represent tenants in actions of forcible entry and detainer on a day that the court is planning to hold hearings on actions of forcible entry and detainer, the court shall announce the availability of that attorney prior to the commencement of proceedings for actions of forcible entry and detainer on that day. Failure of the court to comply with the requirements of this subsection is not grounds for dismissal of the action or to set aside or appeal any judgment entered against the tenant.

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**CHAPTER 380
S.P. 758 - L.D. 1874**

**An Act to Support Maine
Forest Workers' Right to Work
in Maine by Improving Labor
Standards**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8867-G is enacted to read:

§8867-G. Forest certification programs

1. Requirements for state land. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may obtain or maintain certification from a forest certification program for state land only if the program, in order to obtain certification under the program:

A. Contains performance-based indicators described in subsection 2 that protect forest workers, including logging and trucking contractors, that can be assessed and verified by a recognized certifying entity; and

B. Does not require payment to a trade association that is registered with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

2. Performance-based indicators. Performance-based indicators required by subsection 1 include the following labor practices:

A. No use of child labor;

B. No use of forced labor;

C. No discrimination;

D. Freedom of association and collective bargaining;

E. Promotion of gender equality;

F. Implementation of legal occupational health and safety practices;

G. Payment of fair wages that meet or exceed the minimum wage;

H. Adequate and effective training; and

I. Grievance resolution and compensation for damages.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 381
H.P. 698 - L.D. 1103**

**An Act to Allow Persons Who
Lawfully Use or Possess
Cannabis to Own or Possess
Firearms or Ammunition**

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§1, ¶G, as amended by PL 2015, c. 470, §1, is further amended to read:

G. Is an unlawful user of or is addicted to any controlled substance and as a result is prohibited from possession of a firearm under 18 United States Code, Section 922(g)(3). Notwithstanding the prohibition under 18 United States Code, Section