

# 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**

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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2023**

CHAPTER 428  
S.P. 141 - L.D. 320

An Act to Support the Maine  
Multicultural Center

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The  
following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Adult Education 0364

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to the Maine Multi-  
cultural Center in Bangor for one or more positions to  
establish a comprehensive program for foreign-trained  
workers through the Maine Multicultural Center. The  
positions will develop and coordinate the comprehen-  
sive program, which must be designed to serve foreign-  
trained workers with an emphasis on foreign-trained  
professionals and seek private funds to support the cen-  
ter's programs and operations.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$0	\$190,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$190,000</b>

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 429  
H.P. 235 - L.D. 384

An Act to Provide Emergency  
Aid to Dairy Farmers Affected  
by the Crisis in Production  
Costs

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

**Sec. 1. Transfer from General Fund unap-  
propriated surplus; Department of Agricul-  
ture, Conservation and Forestry, Milk Com-  
mission.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
contrary, on or before July 30, 2024, the State Control-  
ler shall transfer \$500,000 from the unappropriated sur-  
plus of the General Fund to the Department of Agricul-  
ture, Conservation and Forestry, Milk Commission pro-  
gram, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide  
one-time pandemic volatility payments to Maine milk  
producers who produced milk and reported production  
information to the Maine Milk Commission in calendar  
year 2022 and are currently participating in the dairy  
stabilization program under the Maine Revised Statutes,  
Title 7, section 3153-B, also known as the Tier Pro-  
gram. In calculating the payment, the administrator of  
the Maine Milk Pool shall attempt to achieve, insofar as

practical, a proportional distribution of the entire trans-  
ferred amount to farmers by basing the payments on a  
per hundredweight production basis and limiting pay-  
ments to a production limit of 5,000,000 pounds per  
farm. The administrator of the Maine Milk Pool may  
use existing distribution methods within the Maine Milk  
Pool program to expedite the distribution of payments.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The  
following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND  
FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Milk Commission 0188

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation to allow dis-  
tribution of pandemic volatility payments to Maine  
dairy farmers who meet specific milk production crite-  
ria.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$500,000	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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CHAPTER 430  
S.P. 186 - L.D. 405

An Act Regarding False Public  
Alarms or Reports and  
Aggravated False Public  
Alarms or Reports

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

**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §509,** as amended by PL  
1977, c. 510, §56, is further amended to read:

**§509. False public alarm or report; aggravated false  
public alarm or report**

1. A person is guilty of false public alarm or report  
if:

A. ~~He~~ The person knowingly gives or causes to be  
given false information to ~~any~~ a law enforcement  
officer, an emergency communications center or  
the enhanced 9-1-1 services established in Title 25,  
chapter 352 with the intent of inducing ~~such~~ the of-  
ficer, the emergency communications center or any  
other emergency services personnel to believe that  
a crime has been committed or that another has  
committed a crime, knowing the information to be  
false; ~~or~~

B. ~~He~~ The person knowingly gives or causes to be  
given false information to ~~any~~ a law enforcement  
officer, a member of a fire fighting ~~firefighting~~