

# 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**  
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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.

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

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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.

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

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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~~

agency, including a volunteer fire department, an emergency communications center, the enhanced 9-1-1 services established in Title 25, chapter 352 or any other person knowing that ~~such~~ the other person is likely to communicate the information to a law enforcement officer ~~or, a member of a fire fighting firefighting~~ agency, an emergency communications center or any other emergency services personnel concerning a fire, explosive or other similar substance ~~which that~~ is capable of endangering the safety of persons, knowing that such the information is false, or knowing that he the person has no information relating to the fire, explosive or other similar substance; or

C. ~~He~~ The person knowingly gives or causes to be given false information concerning an emergency to ~~any an~~ an ambulance service, an emergency communications center, the enhanced 9-1-1 services established in Title 25, chapter 352, any other emergency services personnel or ~~to any a~~ government agency or public utility that deals with emergencies involving danger to life or property, with the intent of inducing such the service, personnel, agency, center or utility to respond to the reported emergency, knowing such the information to be false.

A violation of this subsection is a Class D crime.

For the purposes of this subsection, "emergency communications center" means a state, county or municipal government entity that receives calls by 9-1-1, business lines, radio or other methods requesting public service or emergency response from public safety agencies and, as appropriate, dispatches requests to public safety agencies and assists in coordinating the response between agencies and other specialized professionals.

~~2. False public alarm is a Class D crime.~~

3. A person is guilty of aggravated false public alarm or report if the person violates subsection 1 and the violation causes the evacuation, shutdown or lock-down of a building, school, public square or park, place of assembly or public transportation facility.

A violation of this subsection is a Class C crime.

**Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1501, sub-§8, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 170, §1, is amended to read:

C. The discriminatory motive of the person in making a false public alarm or report or an aggravated false public alarm in violation of section 509, ~~subsection 1;~~ and

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**CHAPTER 431  
H.P. 261 - L.D. 428**

**An Act to Reclassify Certain  
Offenses Under the Inland  
Fisheries and Wildlife Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 281, Pt. A, §4, is further amended to read:

**1. License required.** Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to this Part, a person may not engage in an activity for which a license may be issued under this section unless that person has a valid license issued under this section. An electronic license or permit fulfills the requirement under this subsection that a person must have a physical paper license or permit if the electronic license or permit can be displayed upon request to a game warden or other law enforcement officer, an employee of the department, a registered Maine guide or the owner of the land on which the licensed activity is taking place. ~~Each~~ Except as otherwise provided in this section, each day a person violates this subsection that person commits a Class E crime for which ~~a minimum fine of \$50 and an amount equal to twice the applicable license fee must be imposed~~ the sentencing alternative may include only the penalties provided in Title 17-A, section 1704, subsection 5 and Title 17-A, section 1705, subsection 5.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 164, §8, is further amended to read:

A. A resident junior hunting license, for a person under 16 years of age, is \$8 and permits hunting of all legal species, subject to the permit requirements in subchapter 3. Notwithstanding the permit fees established in subchapter 3, a resident junior hunting license includes all permits, stamps and other permissions needed to hunt at no additional cost. A license holder under this paragraph who qualifies to hunt during the special season on deer under section 11153 and who meets the eligibility requirements of section 11106 must have included in that person's license one antlerless deer permit and one either-sex permit. A resident junior hunting license does not exempt the holder of the license from lottery-related application requirements under this Part. A resident under 16 years of age who hunts without a resident junior hunting license commits a civil violation.

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶F,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 501, §8, is further amended to read: