

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2024**

**5. Events requiring the payment of deferred tax and interest.** Subject to subsection 7, all deferred property taxes and accrued interest must be paid pursuant to subsection 6 when:

- A. The taxpayer dies;
- B. Some person other than the taxpayer becomes the owner of the property;
- C. The tax-deferred property is no longer occupied by the taxpayer as a permanent residence, except that this paragraph does not apply if the taxpayer is required to be absent from the eligible homestead for health reasons;
- D. The tax-deferred property is a mobile home and is moved out of the State, if mobile homes are identified as eligible homesteads by municipal ordinance adopted under this section; or
- E. The taxpayer fails to pay the stabilized taxes in any tax year.

**6. Lien.** When it is determined that one of the events set out in subsection 5 has occurred and that a property is no longer eligible for partial property tax deferral under this section, the municipality shall send notice by certified mail to the taxpayer, or the taxpayer's heirs or devisees, listing the total amount of deferred property taxes, including accrued interest and costs of all the years and establishing a due and payable date. For events listed in subsection 5, paragraphs A, B, C and E, payment is due within 45 days of the date of the notice. When the event listed in subsection 5, paragraph D occurs, the total amount of deferred property taxes is due and payable 5 days before the date of removal of the property from the State. The municipality shall include in the notice a statement that the lien enforcement procedures pursuant to chapter 105, subchapter 9 apply. If the deferred property tax liability of a property has not been satisfied by the date established pursuant to this subsection, the municipality may enforce the lien according to procedures in chapter 105, subchapter 9.

Partial payments accepted during the 18-month redemption period provided for in section 943 may not interrupt or extend the redemption period or in any way affect foreclosure procedures.

**7. Transfer of eligibility.** If one of the events listed in subsection 5 occurs, and the ownership of the eligible homestead is transferred to another member of the same household, the transferee may apply to the municipality for continuation of the stabilization and partial property tax deferral if the transferee meets the conditions of this section and the municipal ordinance authorizing the program.

**8. Repeal of program.** A municipality that has adopted a program may discontinue it through the same procedure by which the program was adopted except

that any property taxes deferred under the program continue to be deferred under the conditions of the program on the date it was ended.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 548**  
**H.P. 1322 - L.D. 2060**

**An Act to Amend Licensing Requirements for Landscape Architects**

**Emergency preamble.** **Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergency; and

**Whereas,** current law does not allow applicants for licensure in this State as landscape architects to sit for the required examination before completing all of the required education and years of practical experience; and

**Whereas,** current law creates a discrepancy, with no apparent reason or justification, between the licensing requirements for landscape architects and the licensing requirements for architects; and

**Whereas,** current law thus creates an additional barrier for potential applicants for licensure as landscape architects to take the examination; and

**Whereas,** the examination vendor has temporarily agreed to review education and experience qualifications for examination candidates through 2024 and has asked that this issue be addressed as soon as possible; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §220, sub-§2, ¶B,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2009, c. 415, Pt. A, §16, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

- (1) To Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, to be qualified for admission to the examination a license to practice landscape architecture in this State, an applicant must submit evidence to the board that the applicant has passed an examination administered by a national council of landscape architectural registration boards or an equivalent examination specified by board rule and:

(a) The applicant has completed a course of study in a school or college of landscape architecture approved by the board, with graduation evidenced by a diploma setting forth a satisfactory degree, and ~~2 years of~~ practical experience in landscape architectural work ~~of a grade and character satisfactory to~~ as prescribed by the board by rule; or

(b) The applicant has training or practical experience, or a combination of both, that in the opinion of the board is fully equivalent to that required in division (a).

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 19, 2024.

**CHAPTER 549**

**S.P. 871 - L.D. 2070**

**An Act to Implement a Facility-based Monitoring System for Slot Machines**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the current contract between the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board and the 3rd party operating the central site monitoring system on behalf of the Gambling Control Board expires on June 30, 2024; and

**Whereas,** it is necessary to enact the changes authorizing the transition from a central site monitoring system to a facility-based monitoring system before the expiration of the current contract; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §1001, sub-§13-B** is enacted to read:

**13-B. Facility-based monitoring system.** "Facility-based monitoring system" means an on-site computer system at a casino or slot machine facility that is accessible by the department to which all slot machines at the casino or slot machine facility communicate for the purpose of auditing capacity and real-time information retrieval of the details of any financial

event that occurs in the operation of the casino or slot machine facility, door openings and closings, power failure and malfunction.

**Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1003, sub-§2, ¶J,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A, §5 and affected by Pt. B, §11, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §1003, sub-§2, ¶J-1** is enacted to read:

J-1. Ensure the board or the director or staff has the ability to regulate, manage and audit the operation, financial data and program information relating to slot machines that enables the department to audit the operation, financial data and program information of a casino or slot machine facility licensee, as required by the board, and provide the department with the ability to monitor at any time on a real-time basis wagering patterns, payouts, tax collection and compliance with rules adopted by the board for the regulation and control of slot machines operated under this chapter;

**Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §1003, sub-§2, ¶K,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A, §5 and affected by Pt. B, §11, is amended to read:

K. ~~Maintain~~ Ensure the board or the director or staff, in collaboration with the casino operator or slot machine operator, has the ability to activate and deactivate the operation of individual slot machines via the central site monitoring system under authority of board staff or persons contracted by the board;

**Sec. 5. 8 MRSA §1003, sub-§2, ¶M,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A, §5 and affected by Pt. B, §11, is amended to read:

M. Inform commercial track operators applying for a license to operate slot machines that any slot machines licensed by the board must be compatible with the central site a facility-based monitoring system of on-line monitoring used by the board;

**Sec. 6. 8 MRSA §1003, sub-§2, ¶N,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A, §5 and affected by Pt. B, §11, is amended to read:

N. Cause the central site monitoring system to be disabled, in collaboration with the casino operator or slot machine operator, a slot machine to be disabled that does not meet registration requirements provided by this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter or as directed by the department;

**Sec. 7. 8 MRSA §1003, sub-§2, ¶O,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A, §5 and affected by Pt. B, §11, is amended to read:

O. Cause the central site monitoring system to be disabled, in collaboration with the casino operator or slot machine operator, a slot machine to be disabled and cause the department to seize the proceeds of