

# 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**

**CHAPTER 586  
H.P. 1348 - L.D. 2124**

**An Act to Clarify the Eligibility  
of an Off-track Betting Facility  
to Receive Funding**

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

**Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §300, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. G, §12 and affected by §15, is further amended to read:

**1. Fund created.** The Fund to Stabilize Off-track Betting Facilities is established to provide revenues to those off-track betting facilities licensed and in operation ~~as of December 31, 2003~~ in the State. The fund is a dedicated, nonlapsing fund. All revenues deposited in the fund remain in the fund and must be disbursed in accordance with this section, except that assessments and advances may be withdrawn in accordance with section 267-A.

**Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §300, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. A, §4 and affected by §11, is amended to read:

**2. Distribution.** On May 30th, September 30th and January 30th, all amounts credited to the fund established by this section as of the last day of the preceding month and not distributed before that day must be distributed to each of ~~Maine's the State's~~ the State's off-track betting facilities licensed and in operation as of ~~December 31, 2003~~ the date of the distribution. Distributions must be made in equal amounts to each off-track betting facility in operation as of the date of the distribution.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 587  
H.P. 1380 - L.D. 2156**

**An Act to Authorize the  
Provision of Emergency  
Medical Treatment for Certain  
Dogs**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

**9. Dogs.** Notwithstanding section 4860, an emergency medical services person licensed under this chapter may provide emergency medical treatment to a law enforcement dog, as defined in Title 14, section 164-B, paragraph B, or to a search and rescue dog, as defined in Title 14, section 164-B, paragraph D, in

accordance with protocols adopted by the Medical Direction and Practices Board.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §88-B, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 617, Pt. C, §3, is amended to read:

A. The Medical Direction and Practices Board shall create, adopt and maintain the Maine Emergency Medical Services protocols. When adopting or amending any protocols related to providing emergency medical treatment pursuant to section 85, subsection 9, the Medical Direction and Practices Board shall consult with an individual with expertise in emergency veterinary medicine designated by the State Board of Veterinary Medicine.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 588  
S.P. 855 - L.D. 2027**

**An Act Regarding the Property  
Tax Exemption, Business  
Equipment Tax Exemption and  
Business Equipment Tax  
Reimbursement for Facilities  
Storing Spent Nuclear Fuel and  
Radioactive Waste**

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

**Whereas**, there is currently ambiguity in the law establishing exemptions from property taxation for air pollution control facilities; and

**Whereas**, without this legislation clarifying the law, an affected municipality could soon suffer a large loss of revenue; 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. 36 MRSA §656, sub-§1, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 438, §20, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) in the first blocked paragraph to read:

As used in this ~~paragraph~~ subparagraph, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.