

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
January 3, 2024 to May 10, 2024

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
AUGUST 9, 2024

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

Augusta, Maine
2024

(3) Pretzels;

(4) Loose granola; and

(5) Gummies;

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

Effective April 21, 2024.

**CHAPTER 642
S.P. 982 - L.D. 2264**

**An Act to Clarify the Use of
Public Equipment on Public
Easements**

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §3036, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 743, §2, is amended to read:

5. Meetings. The commission shall meet at least 3 times, but may meet no more than 6 ~~12~~ times, each year.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §3105-A, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 501, §2, is amended to read:

The ~~inhabitants~~ legislative body of any town or village corporation at a legal town or village corporation meeting may authorize the municipal officers of the town or assessors of the village corporation to use ~~its~~ the town's or village corporation's highway equipment on private ways within such town or village corporation to plow, maintain or repair those private ways to the extent directed by the legislative body and whenever such municipal officers or assessors consider it advisable in the best interest of the town or village corporation for fire and police protection.

Sec. 3. Commission focus. The Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 83-A, shall consider, in addition to matters it is required to consider by statute, the following and shall include recommendations on these matters in the February 1, 2025 report required under Title 23, section 3036, subsection 11:

1. The scope of public use allowed on a public easement over an abandoned or discontinued road, the need or justification for each type of use, the impact of the public use on abutting property owners and ways to reduce the negative impacts on abutting property owners;

2. Property owner liability, including personal injury, property damage and environmental damage liability resulting from public use of an abandoned or discontinued road;

3. Options to create a road inventory of abandoned and discontinued roads in the State; and

4. Options to create a right-of-way template for property owners to use when a local unit of government considers discontinuing the road abutting a property owner's property.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 643
H.P. 1420 - L.D. 2214**

**An Act to Make Supplemental
Appropriations and Allocations
for the Expenditures of State
Government, General Fund
and Other Funds and to
Change Certain Provisions of
the Law Necessary to the
Proper Operations of State
Government for the Fiscal
Years Ending June 30, 2024
and June 30, 2025**

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL
SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Adult Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety Fund
and Municipal Opt-In Fund Z263**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue projections from the March 1, 2024 revenue forecast.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$36,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$36,000

**Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund
Z264**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 12 Field Investigator positions to OCP Compliance Inspector positions and for the approved reorganization of 4 Field Investigator positions to OCP Compliance Inspector positions in the Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund program and the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund program. Funding for related All Other costs is provided in the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds.