

# 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**  
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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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

injuries and diseases at an affordable cost to employers, including whether the workers' compensation system can provide the income support that injured workers require as a result of their injuries at a cost no greater than the median cost in other states; and

3. Information regarding the retroactive application of workers' compensation legislation based on the analysis under this resolve and an evaluation of the costs of potential retroactive application.

The committee may report out legislation to the 132nd Legislature in 2026 related to the subject matter of the report.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 140  
S.P. 924 - L.D. 2173**

**Resolve, to Rename the  
Interstate 295 Interchange in  
the Town of Freeport the  
Matthew MacMillan Bridge**

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

**Whereas,** Resolve 2023, chapter 1 named an overpass in the Town of Freeport for Matthew MacMillan; and

**Whereas,** the incorrect structure was named after Matthew MacMillan and this legislation corrects that erroneous designation; and

**Whereas,** it is imperative that this legislation take effect as soon as possible in order to timely expedite the renaming process; 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

**Sec. 1. Resolve 2023, c. 1, §1. Resolved:** That Resolve 2023, c. 1, §1 is amended to read:

**Sec. 1. ~~Overpass Interchange in Freeport~~ renamed. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge ~~5741~~ 5720 on Desert Road in the Town of Freeport, which is currently known as the ~~Desert of Maine Overpass Merrill Road Interchange~~, the Matthew MacMillan ~~Overpass~~ Bridge.

**Sec. 2. Retroactivity. Resolved:** That this resolve applies retroactively to June 29, 2023.

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

Effective March 14, 2024.

**CHAPTER 141  
H.P. 1396 - L.D. 2181**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative  
Review of Portions of Chapter  
61: State Board of Education  
Rules for Major Capital School  
Construction Projects, a Major  
Substantive Rule of the  
Department of Education,  
State Board of Education**

**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 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

**Whereas,** a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

**Whereas,** immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; 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

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of portions of Chapter 61: State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Education, State Board of Education that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized.

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

Effective March 14, 2024.