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PREFACE

The 2023 edition of Laws of the State of Maine is the official publication of the session laws of the State of Maine enacted by the 131st Legislature and is compiled and published under the authority of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 163-A. Laws of the State of Maine has been in continuous publication since 1820, when the acts and resolves adopted by the First Legislature were published by the Secretary of State under the authority of Resolve 1820, chapter 25.

Volume 1 contains the public laws, private and special laws, resolves and constitutional resolutions enacted at the First Regular Session and the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature and includes the 2021 Revisor's Report, chapter 2 and a selection of significant addresses, joint resolutions and memorials.

Additional volumes of the 2023 Laws of the State of Maine will contain those measures adopted in the Second Regular Session and any other special session of the 131st Legislature.

The following conventions are used throughout the series.

1. At the top of each page is a heading that classifies each law by session of passage, year, type and chapter number.
2. A table of contents that locates major divisions and contents by page number is located at the beginning of each volume.
3. Subject indexes of the documents contained in these volumes, arranged alphabetically by subject heading with corresponding chapter numbers, are provided.
4. Session cross-reference tables are also provided showing how unallocated public laws and titles and sections of the Maine Revised Statutes of 1964 have been affected by the laws included in this publication.
5. Words and phrases deleted from the statutes are shown struck through. When an entire unit is repealed, the text that is repealed is not shown struck through, but its repeal is indicated by express language.
6. When new words or sections are added to the statutes, they are underlined.
7. A chaptered law's Legislative Document number is printed beneath its chapter number heading, indicating the source of the chapter.
8. The effective date for Maine laws is provided for in the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 16, which specifies that, except for certain emergency legislation, an act or resolve enacted into law takes effect 90 days after the adjournment of the session in which it passed. The general effective date of nonemergency laws passed at the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature is June 29, 2023 and the general effective date of nonemergency laws passed at the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature is October 25, 2023. The effective dates of emergency legislation vary and are provided at the ends of the chapters that were enacted as emergencies.

Copies of a specific chaptered law may be obtained by contacting the Engrossing Division of this office. Laws of the State of Maine is also available online through the website of the Office of the Revisor of Statutes at <http://legislature.maine.gov/ros/LOM/LOMpdfDirectory.htm>.

This edition of Laws of the State of Maine and its predecessors have been prepared for the convenience of the people of the State of Maine, and any comments or suggestions for improvements in subsequent editions would be appreciated.

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