

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Emergency Measure**

An Act to Amend and Clarify Laws Concerning Nuclear Safety  
S.P. 714 L.D. 1960  
(C "A" S-578)

This being an Emergency Measure and having received the affirmative vote of 28 Members of the Senate, with no Senators having voted in the negative, and 28 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected Membership of the Senate, was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President Pro Tem, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

**Acts**

An Act to License Massage Therapists  
S.P.494 L.D. 1525  
(H "A" H-1049 to C "A" S-561)

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Secession  
H.P.1420 L.D. 1984  
(C "A" H-1024)

An Act to Improve the Integrity of Notaries Public  
S.P.771 L.D. 2098  
(C "A" S-590)

An Act to Ensure Access to Confidential Records  
H.P.1514 L.D. 2136  
(C "A" H-1032)

An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Participating Local Districts in the Maine State Retirement System  
H.P.1524 L.D. 2146  
(C "A" H-1009)

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President Pro Tem were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

An Act to Provide Computers for Use in the Legislature  
H.P.416 L.D. 566  
(C "A" H-1033)

On motion by Senator **MICHAUD** of Penobscot, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**.

An Act to Clarify the Confidentiality of Public Employee Information  
H.P. 1362 L.D. 1913  
(C "A" H-998)

On motion by Senator **MICHAUD** of Penobscot, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**.

An Act Regarding Electric Utilities  
H.P.1380 L.D. 1935  
(C "A" H-984)

**THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Harriman.

Senator **HARRIMAN:** Thank you Madam President. Before we take the vote on item L.D. 1935, "An Act Regarding Electric Utilities," I just wanted to state for the record, and for this Legislature and those Members of this session who will be returning, that L.D. 1935 does indeed signify a historic moment in time. As you no doubt recall, part of the electric deregulation legislation required, mandated, if you will, that our utilities sell their generating assets. What we are doing today with the passage of this bill is transferring hundreds, if not more, private and special laws that were created over the years to allow the harnessing of our natural resources into hydroelectric power. And while I am convinced that the legislation before us does assure that the rights and privileges that were granted will remain on the books and will be binding on new owners of these generating assets, I cannot let this moment pass without expressing my concern. As this issue moves forward to full implementation, we should be ever vigilant about the message that we are sending as we allow the transfer of some of our natural base resources to out-of-state private companies who will no longer be regulated under the Public Utilities Commission. I want to emphasize, for the record, that I am confident that the wording in this bill will assure that the private and special laws that were granted, that created the hydroelectric system that we have today, will remain in tact. New owners will be bound by these laws, but I just wanted to pause to ask you to pay particular attention to these issues as they unfold in the future. Thank you Madam President.

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED** and having been signed by the President Pro Tem was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

An Act to Reduce Motor Vehicle Fatalities and Injuries among Young Drivers

S.P. 782 L.D. 2109  
(H "B" H-1017 to C "A" S-563)

On motion by Senator **O'GARA** of Cumberland, placed on the **SPECIAL HIGHWAY TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**.

An Act Regarding the Employment of Harness Race Track Officials

H.P. 1542 L.D. 2169  
(C "A" H-981; S "A" S-583)

On motion by Senator **MICHAUD** of Penobscot, placed on the **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TABLE**, pending **ENACTMENT**.