



# Library Briefs

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## *Internet tobacco sales*

### **In The News**

Feb. 20, 2008 - The U.S. Supreme Court, in *Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association*, struck down major portions of Maine's *Act To Regulate the Delivery and Sales of Tobacco Products and To Prevent the Sale of Tobacco Products to Minors* (P.L. 2003, c. 444, §2). You can read the opinion at [www.supremecourtus.gov/opinions/07pdf/06-457.pdf](http://www.supremecourtus.gov/opinions/07pdf/06-457.pdf).

## *Legal Trac*

### **Improved Access To Law Review & Journal Indexes**

The Law Library is replacing the printed *Current Law Index* and electronic *Index to Legal Periodicals* with one electronic resource called *LegalTrac*®. *LegalTrac*® provides indexing for more than 1,400 titles including major law reviews, legal newspapers, and bar association journals. It also contains law-related articles from over 1,000 additional business and general interest titles. Some articles are full-text. *LegalTrac*® will be available at all the public computers within the Law Library.

## *Scanned news clips*

### **Full-text access to our recent clippings collection**

The digitization of previous years of our newspaper clippings is still ongoing. The full-text database is searchable at our public network. Just select *Search Our Newspaper Clippings* from the list of resources folder displayed on each computer desktop. Coverage includes articles we have in our 2004 and 2005 folders and we are 3/4 of the way through 2006. This allows you to search the full text or author of an article—you no longer have to know what year or what subject heading we have assigned to a clipping, or even what year it was—you can search all the files at once if you wish.

## *School reorganization*

### **A new compiled legislative history**

The Law Library staff have compiled a legislative history of the Maine School Regionalization Law of 2007, P.L. 2007, c. 240, part XXXX. The history includes the text of LD 499, its enacted amendments, the Education Committee's proposed amendments, the text of competing bills, as well as any accompanying floor debate, testimony from the public hearings, and Dept. of Education materials presented in support of the regionalization measure. We have two lending copies shelved at LB 2817.4 .M2 M36 2007.



## *Marvel!*

### **On The Web**

Have you ever looked for credible full-text articles on the web only to find what you need—but they want to charge you for it? *Marvel!* is a state-funded database free to all Maine residents. It includes searchable databases of abstracts and full-text of major Maine newspapers, national and world newspapers, news magazines, and general and academic journals. You can select from broad subject groups or browse a title list of the available databases. You can find *Marvel!* on the web at <http://libraries.maine.edu/mainedatabases/>

## *Reports and studies*

### **Donating reports**

If you are finished with a recently published commission or task force type report that you think the Law Library may not already have, please consider donating it to our collection. We don't always receive a copy directly.

## *Videos*

### **The Library is featured in several local videos**

The Law Library has recently had the occasion to have two tours of the Law Library videotaped. The tours highlighted library services and law and legislative materials in our collection for the University of Maine at Augusta's Criminal Justice program and the University of Maine at Orono's distance education program on political science.

## *Classes*

### **Group instruction**

The Law Library conducts classes twice a year, in conjunction with the Maine Attorney General's Consumer Mediation division, on Maine legal research and the materials available for the volunteer mediators.

A course on "How to Do a Legislative History" was given for the Maine State Board of Nursing. Attendees were shown how to trace the history of their agency back to its enactment in 1915 and identify any available pieces of information.