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This compilation of state statutory citations focuses predominantly on biofuels laws in effect January 1, 1970 through December 31, 2013. It is intended to serve as a researcher-friendly inventory of state laws by providing the formal title of relevant legislation, the standard legal citation for each statute, the applicability of the statute (ethanol, biodiesel, or both), and a brief description of the law. Some statutes and regulations listed do not specifically relate to biofuels, but are included because of their complementary relationship to the evolution of biofuels law in the state. These statutes are placed in reverse chronological order using the date of the most recent amendment to the statute. Many biofuels laws were enacted as amendments to previously passed laws.

Title	Citation	Applicability	Description
Sale of biodiesel blends (2013)	10 ME. REV. STAT. § 1663	Biodiesel	Defines biodiesel and biomass-based biodiesel, and requires specific documentation when providing these materials to another for resale.
Prohibition on corn-based ethanol (2013)	38 ME. REV. STAT. § 585-M	Ethanol	Prohibits the sale of gasoline containing more than 10% corn-based ethanol, but does not take effect until at least 2 other neighboring states pass similar laws.
Prohibition on corn-based ethanol (2013)	10 ME. REV. STAT. § 1457-B	Ethanol	Prohibits the sale of gasoline containing corn-based ethanol, but does not take effect until at least 10 other states pass similar laws.
Liability for use of ethanol fuel (2011)	10 ME. REV. STAT. § 1457-A	Ethanol	Provides liability protection for fuel providers from vehicle damage resulting from use of fuel with at least 10% ethanol.
Special fuel tax levied (2010)	36 ME. REV. STAT. § 3203	Both	Establishes reduced sales tax and inventory tax rates for ethanol and biodiesel.
Special fuel tax exemptions (2009)	36 ME. REV. STAT. § 3204-A	Biodiesel	Exempts biodiesel produced and consumed by an individual or their immediate family from the state fuel tax.

Insurance Loans (2009)	10 ME. REV. STAT. § 1026-A	Both	Loans made for the development of clean fuel vehicle technology and biofuel vehicle projects may be insured for up to 100% of the mortgage payment. Also limits the total outstanding loan obligations to no more than \$5 million.
Agriculturally Derived Fuel Fund (2007)	10 ME. REV. STAT. § 997-A (REPEALED SEPT. 12, 2009)	Ethanol	Creates a fund to provide loans and subsidies to organizations producing ethanol.
Tax credit: Biofuel production and use (2007)	36 ME. REV. STAT. § 5219-X	Both	Defines biofuel and allows for a \$.05/gallon income tax credit on biofuel produced, as long as they have received proper certification from the state.
Clean fuel infrastructure development (2006)	36 ME. REV. STAT. § 5219-P	Both	Defines clean fuel and allows for an income tax credit for a portion of the expenditures made to build a clean fuel filling or charging station. Sunsets on January 1, 2009.
Clean Fuel Vehicle Fund (2005)	10 ME. REV. STAT. § 1023-K (REPEALED, JUNE 26, 2013)	Both	Created a fund to provide loans for clean fuel vehicle technology development.
Clean fuel vehicle incentive (1997)	24-A ME. REV. STAT. § 2303-B	Both	Allows insurance providers to give credits or refunds on premiums to owners of clean fuel vehicles.
Funds for alternative-fueled vehicles (1993)	5 ME. REV. STAT. § 1675	Both	Allows state entities that are required to establish alternative fuel vehicle programs to accept any funds to assist that program.
Ethanol enhanced motor fuel (1983)	10 ME. REV. STAT. § 1457	Ethanol	Prohibits distributors, franchisors, and refiners from unreasonably limiting the sale of ethanol where conventional fuel is sold.