

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Moosehead Lake Region — Squaw Mountain — 4½ hours.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 155

### AN ACT to Amend the Savings and Loan Association Law.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Sec. 1. 9-B MRSA § 325, sub-§ 5, 1st sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 500, § 1, is amended to read:

Bylaws may be amended and added to by the incorporators or members or directors of the institution except to the extent limited by the articles of incorporation or unless such power has been reserved by the articles of incorporation or granted by the incorporators to the board of directors.

Sec. 2. 9-B MRSA § 343, sub-§ 3, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 500, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. **Vote of stockholders, incorporators or members.** The conversion plan of a trust company or a mutual savings bank, as approved by the superintendent, shall be submitted to the stockholders or incorporators for their approval at an annual meeting, or at a special meeting, called for that purpose, pursuant to the requirements of section 352, subsection 3 or section 353, subsection 3. Approval shall require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of those entitled to vote thereon.

The conversion plan of a savings and loan association, as approved by the superintendent, shall be submitted to the members for their approval at an annual meeting, or at a special meeting, called for that purpose, pursuant to the requirements of section 352, subsection 3 or section 353, subsection 3. Approval by a savings and loan association shall require a majority vote of those entitled to vote. Each holder of a savings account in a savings and loan association shall be entitled to cast one vote for each \$100 or fraction thereof, of the withdrawable value of his accounts, up to a maximum of 50 votes. A borrowing member of a savings and loan association shall be permitted, as a borrower, to cast one vote and to cast the number of votes to which he may be entitled as the holder of savings accounts. The members who shall be entitled to vote at the meeting of the members to adopt the conversion plan shall be holders of savings accounts and borrowing members of record on the books of the association as of such date as may be prescribed by the superintendent.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 156

### AN ACT to Promote Consistency Between Certain Regulatory and Proprietary Decisions of the State.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 514-A, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 287, § 1, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 12, section 551, the director may determine to make proprietary conveyances under this section solely on the basis of the issuance of environmental or regulatory permits by other appropriate state agencies.

Sec. 2. **Effective date.** The last sentence of Title 12, section 514-A, subsection 4, which reads as follows, shall remain effective until July 1, 1979. "Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 12, section 551, the director may determine to make proprietary conveyances under this section solely on the basis of the issuance of environmental or regulatory permits by other appropriate state agencies."

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 157

### AN ACT Concerning the Bee Industry Law.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA § 2501, 1st sentence, is amended to read:

All persons owning bees within the State shall annually notify the commissioner of the keeping of bees and the location thereof and shall forward to the commissioner for deposit with the Treasurer of State an annual license fee of 10¢ per colony for all bees in the hive on ~~May~~ June 15th of each year.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA § 2501, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

Whoever fails to register bees as prescribed in this section, shall be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$50 for each offense.

Sec. 2-A. 7 MRSA § 2501 is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Between 14 and 30 days prior to June 15th annually, the commissioner shall cause notice of the annual notification and license fee requirement to be published at least twice in the state newspaper and in other newspapers or journals of general circulation adequate to provide reasonable notice throughout the State.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA § 2502, is amended to read:

§ 2502. Disturbing bees on another's land