

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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B. "Obscene material" means material which:

- (1) To the average individual applying contemporary community standards, with respect to what is suitable material for minors, considered as a whole, appeals to prurient interests;
- (2) Depicts or describes in a patently offensive manner, human sexual intercourse, masturbation, sodomy, direct physical stimulation of unclothed genitals, or flagellation or torture in the context of ultimate sex acts, or which emphasizes the lewd depiction of uncovered genitals; and
- (3) When considered as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

3. Civil violation. Any person violating this section shall be subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$250.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 420

AN ACT Exempting Blind Property Owners from Real Property Tax.

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

36 MRSA § 654, sub-§ 1, ¶ E, 2nd and 3rd sentences, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 765, § 12, are amended to read:

The residential real estate up to the value of ~~\$3,000~~ \$4,000 of inhabitants of Maine who are legally blind as determined by the Department of Human Services ~~provided the value of such real estate does not exceed \$10,000. If the value exceeds \$10,000 but not more than \$20,000, the exemption shall be \$2,000~~

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CHAPTER 421

AN ACT Relating to an Equitable Billing Procedure for Open-end Credit under the Consumer Credit Code.

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

Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA § 2-202, sub-§ 2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 762, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. The average daily balance in the billing cycle for which the charge is made, which is the sum of the amount unpaid each day during that cycle, divided by the number of days in that cycle. The amount unpaid on a day is determined by adding to the balance, if any, unpaid as of the beginning of that day all debits, but excluding all purchases or leases of goods and services made on that day and deducting all payments and other credits made or received as of that day; or

Sec. 2. 9-A MRSA § 2-202, sub-§ 5 is enacted to read:

5. No finance charge shall be imposed on purchases or leases of goods or services purchased during the billing cycle, provided that they are paid for not later than 25 days after the closing date of the billing cycle in which the purchase or lease occurred.

Sec. 3. 9-A MRSA § 2-402, sub-§ 2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 762, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. The average daily balance in the billing cycle for which the charge is made, which is the sum of the amount unpaid each day during that cycle, divided by the number of days in that cycle. The amount unpaid on a day is determined by adding to the balance, if any, unpaid as of the beginning of that day all debits and cash advances, but excluding all purchases or leases of goods and services made on that day and deducting all payments and other credits made or received as of that day; or

Sec. 4. 9-A MRSA § 2-402, sub-§ 4 is enacted to read:

4. Except for cash advances, no finance charge shall be imposed on purchases or leases of goods or services purchased during the billing cycle, provided that they are paid for not later than 25 days after the closing date of the billing cycle in which the purchase or lease occurred.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 422

AN ACT Concerning the Fees for Filing Municipal Tax Liens.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Legislature recently enacted public law 1977, chapter 145, that increased the fees for recording municipal tax liens in the registries of deeds; and