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ous to the deed or other instrument containing such exception, reservation or recital.

2. Filing of notice; recording fee; indexing. In order for the notice specified in subsection 1 to be effective, it shall contain an adequate description of the property in which the right, title or interest is claimed; a reference to the deed or other instrument on which the claim is based; the name of the current record owner of the property; a specific reference by date of recording and by volume and page numbers to the recorded deed or other instrument containing the exception, reservation or recital; and shall be duly verified by oath taken by any person authorized to perform notarial acts. The register of deeds for the county or district thereof in which the land is located shall accept all such notices presented that describe property located in such county or district and shall enter and record them in the same manner that deeds and other instruments are recorded and shall be entitled to charge the same fee for the recording thereof as is charged for recording deeds. In indexing such notice, the register of deeds shall enter it in the grantee index of deeds under the name of the claimant appearing in the notice and in the grantor index of deeds under the name of the record owner appearing in the notice. Within a reasonable time after recording such notice, the register of deeds shall enter upon the margin of the record of the previous instruments referred to by volume and page numbers in such notice the volume and page in which the record of such notice may be found. The person filing the notice shall deliver or mail a copy thereof to the current record owner of the property at the last known address of such owner.

3. Persons under disability; 2-year period not suspended. The notice provided in subsection 1 may be filed for record by the claimant or any other person acting on behalf of any claimant who is under a disability or unable to assert a claim on his own behalf, but no disability or lack of knowledge of any kind shall suspend or extend the period provided for such filing.

4. Statutes of limitations not extended. Nothing contained in section 201-A and in this section shall be construed to extend the period limited for the bringing of any action or for the doing of any other required act or to otherwise extend any statute of limitations; nor shall it be construed as legislative recognition of the existence of any claims that it may bar.

5. Liberal construction. Section 201-A and this section shall be liberally construed to effect the legislative purpose of enhancing the marketability of the title to real property by eliminating the possibility of interests under certain unrecorded or late recorded deeds.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective July 15, 1977

CHAPTER 505

AN ACT to Promote Direct-Marketing of Agricultural Commodities.

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

7 MRSA c. 101, subchapter 1-A is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 1-A

DIRECT MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

§ 411. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings.

1. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture.
2. Direct-marketing. "Direct-marketing" means the marketing of agricultural commodities by farmers directly to consumers.

§ 412. Research and preparation of information

The commissioner shall research and prepare information designed to develop and promote direct-marketing. The commissioner shall consult with the farm community, the faculty of the College of Agriculture of the University of Maine, and with the various county extension agents in compiling information under this section. The information shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Description and evaluation. A description and evaluation of the various methods of direct-marketing, such as farmers' markets, roadside stands and sales to consumer cooperative;
2. Practical information. Prepare practical information concerning the establishment and operation of various methods of direct-marketing, including promotion, advertisement, management, food stamp purchases and liability insurance;
3. Survey. A survey, by county, of the present demand for agricultural commodities to enable farmers to plan future production in closer accord with marketing demands;
4. Feasibility study. A study of the feasibility of direct-marketing to institutions, such as hospitals and schools; and
5. List of farmers. A list of the names and addresses of all Maine farmers and of the agricultural commodities which each produces.

§ 413. Distribution

The commissioner shall develop suitable means to distribute information compiled under section 412 to all Maine farmers. If the commissioner considers the cost of distributing any research or instructional publication prohibitive, he shall, by whatever means appropriate, notify farmers of the avail-

ability of the information. Distribution may be accomplished by means currently within the Department of Agriculture.

§ 414. Assistance

The commissioner shall assist and advise individual farmers or groups of farmers in their efforts to market more effectively directly to consumers by;

1. Soliciting participation. Informing farmers of, and soliciting their participation in, any proposed method of direct-marketing;
2. Technical assistance. Providing technical assistance in such areas as lease and contract negotiation; and
3. Referral. Referring farmers to other appropriate sources of assistance, such as the University of Maine, College of Agriculture, the county extension offices and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 506

AN ACT Relating to the Distribution of Statutes and Session Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA § 173, sub-§ 3, ¶ A, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 480, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A copy of all revisions of the statutes, and supplements thereto, and the session laws shall be sold at the established price to the following: Each free public library, college library, district attorney's office, county commissioner's court, sheriff's office, county treasurer's office, registry of deeds, registry of probate, office of a judge of probate and ex-Governor.

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA § 173, sub-§ 3, ¶ A, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A copy of all revisions of the statutes, and supplements thereto, and the session laws shall be furnished to each county law library, each Justice and ex-Justice of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts, the office of each clerk of courts, each District Court, the office of the Governor, the office of the Reporter of Decisions, the office of the Judge of the United States District Court for Maine, the office of the United States District Attorney for Maine, the Library of the United States Court of Appeals for the first circuit, the office of each Senator and Representative from Maine in the Congress of the United States, the office of the Secretary of the Senate and the office of the Clerk of the House.