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the duties of the Board of Environmental Protection. With the approval of a majority of the Board of Environmental Protection, he shall prescribe the functions of the bureaus and other administrative units to insure that the powers and duties of the board are administered efficiently so that all license applications and other business of the department may be expeditiously completed in the public interest.

5. Designation of deputy commissioner. The commissioner shall designate as deputy commissioner, the director of an administrative unit within the department to act as commissioner in case the commissioner is unable to act or a vacancy exists in the office of the commissioner and to perform other duties that may be assigned by the commissioner.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA § 361, first ¶, last sentence is amended to read:

The members shall be appointed for a term of ~~3~~ 4 years and until their successors are appointed and duly qualified.

Effective July 6, 1978

CHAPTER 597

AN ACT to Restore Notice to Policyholders of Right to a Hearing upon Nonrenewal of their Automobile Insurance Policy.

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

24-A MRSA § 2917, 2nd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 403, § 4, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

A notice of a right to apply for a hearing before the Superintendent of Insurance within 15 days as provided herein shall accompany the notice of intent not to renew.

Effective July 6, 1978

CHAPTER 598

AN ACT Concerning Brake Requirements on Agricultural Vehicles.

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

29 MRSA § 1652, sub-§ 4, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 634, is further amended to read:

4. Brake requirements.

A. Every truck, tractor, truck tractor, trailer and semitrailer shall be equipped with adequate brakes acting on all wheels of all axles, except that:

(1) Any truck, tractor or truck tractor having 3 or more axles need not have brakes on the front wheels except when any such vehicle is equipped with 2 or more steerable axles the wheels of one such axle need not be equipped with brakes;

(2) Any trailer or semitrailer not exceeding a gross weight of 3,000 pounds;

(3) Any vehicle towed by use of a wrecker; ~~and~~

(4) Any vehicle meeting braking requirements of the motor carrier safety regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation shall be considered adequate;

(5) Semitrailers designed and used exclusively for the dispensing of cable from reels attached thereto, commonly called reel trailers, and semitrailers designed and used exclusively to support the end of poles while being transported, commonly called pole dollies, with a gross weight of that semitrailer and load not to exceed 12,000 pounds shall be excluded from the provisions of this subsection until the 1985 registration year; and

(6) A dolly axle, so-called, on a farm truck transporting agricultural products and supplies on public ways while engaged in agricultural activities, providing such an axle shall not be considered in determining the legal gross weight or axle limits permitted on the vehicle. A 2-axle farm truck equipped with such an axle shall, for all weight proposed, be considered a 2-axle vehicle.

Effective July 6, 1978

CHAPTER 599

AN ACT to Provide a Lower Registration Fee under the Transportation of Christmas Tree Statutes.

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