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§ 2463. Installation of sprinkler systems and smoke, heat or fire detection systems

All new hotels constructed after September 23, 1971, of any type construction, other than fire resistive as defined in the current edition of National Fire Protection Association #220, Standard Types of Building Construction, having 2 stories or more above grade level, shall be protected by a complete approved automatic sprinkler system.

All other hotels having 2 stories or more above grade level shall be protected by a complete approved smoke, heat or fire detection system operated by electrical current or powered by batteries by July 1, 1981.

The State Fire Marshal, or his designee, shall inspect all systems installed pursuant to this section and shall approve all systems which comply with this section, except that when the hotel is located in a municipality which has a municipal fire department or incorporated volunteer fire department, that department shall be responsible for the inspection and approval of the system.

The term "hotel" shall include buildings or groups of buildings under the same management in which there are more than 15 sleeping rooms for hire, primarily used by transients who are lodged with or without meals, whether designated as a hotel, inn, club, motel or by any other name. So-called apartment hotels shall be classified as hotels because they are potentially subject to transient occupancy like that of hotels.

Any person or corporation violating this section shall be guilty of a Class E crime.

Effective July 6, 1978

CHAPTER 666

AN ACT to Revise the Venue Provisions of the Maine Employment Security Commission Appeals Procedure.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA § 1194, sub-§ 9, first sentence is amended to read:

Within 15 days after the decision of the commission has become final, any party aggrieved thereby may appeal by commencing an action in the Superior Court of Kennebec County, or where any plaintiff lives or does business, against the

commission for the appeal of its decision, in which action any other party to the proceedings before the commission shall be made a defendant.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA § 1194, sub-§ 9, 8th sentence is amended to read:

An appeal may be taken from the decision of the Superior Court of ~~Kennebec County~~ to the Supreme Judicial Court of the State, in the same manner, but not inconsistent with this chapter, as is provided in civil actions.

Effective July 6, 1978

CHAPTER 667

AN ACT to Clarify the Status of Intermittent State Employees.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 553-A is enacted to read:

§ 553-A. Appointing authority obligation to inform employee

Every appointing authority shall inform every employee, holding a position subject to appointment by the appointing authority, in writing, of the following:

1. Employee's rate of pay and circumstances under which rate may be changed. The employee's rate of pay and the circumstances under which that rate may be changed including longevity and merit increases;

2. Nature of benefits available. The nature and costs of benefits available to state employees generally, the nature and costs of benefits available to the employee and the circumstances under which the employee's benefit eligibility or cost may be changed. For the purposes of this subsection, the word "benefits" shall mean, but not be limited to:

A. Vacation, holiday and sick leave;

B. Insurance programs;

C. Retirement programs; and

D. Any other gain made available by the State to any of its employees, whether in cash or in kind; and