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The first display date of all 8-year semipermanent plates issued after the commencement of the 8-year semipermanent plate program shall be either on and after the date of purchase or on and after February 1st next following the date of issuance, depending upon the number of registration years paid for by the registrant.

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

Effective April 27, 1979

CHAPTER 158

S. P. 257 — L. D. 763

AN ACT to Make Private Organizations which Receive a State Subsidy Subject to the Maine Freedom of Access Law.

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

36 MRSA § 4571, sub-§ 1-A, ¶ D is enacted to read:

D. The Maine Potato Council shall be subject to Title 1, sections 401 to 410.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 159

H. P. 188 — L. D. 238

AN ACT to Authorize Municipalities to Vote on Certain Local Option Questions Concerning the Sale of Liquor.

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

Whereas, some municipalities are located in areas remote to an established state liquor store; and

Whereas, the citizens of those towns are required to travel long distances to obtain the service of liquor, thereby creating an extra expense to the inhabitants; and

Whereas, the immediate resolution of these questions is of great importance to the citizens of these towns; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 28 MRSA § 101, first paragraph, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 630, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The municipal officers of cities and towns and the assessors of plantations, upon receipt of a petition signed by at least 15% of the voters, voting in that municipality in the last gubernatorial election and addressed to the municipal officers, as defined in Title 30, Section 1901, subsection 7, at least 21 days prior to holding any primary, special statewide, general or municipal election or annual or special town meeting, are empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective municipalities to meet, in the manner prescribed by law to vote upon any or all of the following questions:

Sec. 2. Authorization and validation. Notwithstanding any other provision of law pursuant to specific referendum instructions of the Commissioner of Alcoholic Beverages, the affirmative vote recorded at town meeting in Frankfort, Maine on March 23, 1979, by which the inhabitants approved the Sunday sale for on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages, is hereby validated, confirmed and made effective and upon passage of this Act, the town clerk of Frankfort shall incorporate this validation into the official records of the Town of Frankfort.

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

Effective April 27, 1979

CHAPTER 160

H. P. 391 — L. D. 500^m

AN ACT Relating to Tending Traps in the Unorganized Territories.

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

12 MRSA § 2351, as amended by PL 1971, c. 403, §§ 14 and 15, is repealed and the