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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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AT THE

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2. Natural gas pipeline company. "Natural gas pipeline company" includes every corporation or person, their lessees, trustees, receivers or trustees appointed by any court whatsoever, owning or operating for compensation within this State any pipeline, including pumping stations, storage depots and other facilities, for the transportation, distribution or sale of natural gas, or any person or corporation which has applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity or to the Public Utilities Commission for a certificate of authorization to operate a natural gas pipeline within this State.

Effective July 3, 1980

CHAPTER 590

H. P. 1625 — L. D. 1735

AN ACT to Limit the Activities Authorized by the Wholesale Seafood License.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 6001, sub-§ 37-A is enacted to read:

37-A. **Rigged.** "Rigged" means to have on board the equipment necessary to undertake the activity.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 6851, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

4. **License limited.** A license shall only authorize these activities at one establishment or with one vehicle, but not on a vessel rigged to fish.

Effective July 3, 1980

CHAPTER 591

H. P. 1752 — L. D. 1868

AN ACT to Revise the Local Registration Program to Authorize the New Registration of Trucks Weighing more than 6,000 Pounds.

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

29 MRSA § 52-A, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 48, is further amended by adding after the 3rd sentence, a new sentence to read:

Those agents authorized to issue new registrations may also register trucks of greater gross weight after having satisfactorily participated in special training as prescribed by the Secretary of State.

Effective July 3, 1980

CHAPTER 592

H. P. 1605 — L. D. 1716

AN ACT Clarifying the Authority of Municipalities to Acquire and Operate Water Systems.

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

Whereas, certain municipalities have previously acquired water systems; and

Whereas, other municipalities have an immediate need and intention to acquire and operate water systems; and

Whereas, the purchase of existing water companies or water systems by these municipalities is necessary to insure a continuing supply of pure wholesome water for the citizens of this State and a continuing source of water for fire protection for the safety of persons and property; and

Whereas, the purchase of existing water systems by municipalities will aid in obtaining grants and reduce the cost to the water users of compliance with the United States Safe Drinking Water Act, Public Law 93-523; 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. 30 MRSA § 5102, sub-§ 9 is enacted to read:

9. **Water system.** Providing for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, enlargement, equipment, repair, maintenance and operation of a water system or part thereof, within or without, or partly within and partly without, the corporate limits of the municipality.