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If a person who is not an individual fails to appear or pay a fine, the court may suspend the registration of the motor vehicle involved in the offense or that person's right to operate that vehicle in the State.

Sec. 6. 29 MRSA § 2301-A, last ¶, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 573, § 3, is amended to read:

On appearances or payment of the fine, whichever was the basis for the suspension, and on the condition of payment of a \$10 reinstatement fee to the Secretary of State, the court shall rescind the suspension and order the Secretary of State to ~~expunge delete~~ any record of the suspension from that person's driving record.

Effective July 3, 1980

CHAPTER 621

H. P. 1631 — L. D. 1741

AN ACT to Limit Possession of Lobsters on board Boats Rigged for Otter or Beam Trawling, Seining or Netting.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 6952, sub-§ 1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

B. This section shall not apply to any boat rigged for otter or beam trawling, or seining ~~or netting~~ if all nets are removed from the boat ~~before fishing for~~ lobsters.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 6952, sub-§ 1, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. This section shall not apply to any boat rigged for netting if there are no finfish taken by gillnet aboard.

Effective July 3, 1980

CHAPTER 622

H. P. 1633 — L. D. 1743

AN ACT to Allow Limited Use of Hydraulic Dredges in the Taking of Soft Shell Clams or Quahogs.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 6074, sub-§ 3, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

No filing fee may be required from a municipality applying for a special license for using a hydraulic dredge under section 6623.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 6074, sub-§ 5, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

No license fee may be required from a municipality for a special license for using a hydraulic dredge under section 6623.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 6623, sub-§ 2, 3rd sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 713, § 7, is amended to read:

The Except for a dredge licensed to a municipality for transplanting under its conservation program, the dredge shall only be operated below low water.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA § 6623, sub-§ 3 is enacted to read:

3. Department excepted. This section shall not apply to equipment operated by the department for transplanting under a conservation program or conducting research on shellfish.

Effective July 3, 1980

CHAPTER 623

H. P. 1683 — L. D. 1792

AN ACT Providing for Return of Patients to Mental Health Institutions.

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA § 104-B is enacted to read:

§ 104-B. Failure of patient to return

If any patient committed to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections for care and treatment under section 103 or 105 fails to return to the hospital from a community visit authorized under section 104 when requested to do so, by the superintendent or his designee of the institution in which he was placed, law enforcement personnel of the State or of any of its subdivisions may, upon request of the superintendent or his designee, assist in the return of the patient to the mental hospital.

Sec. 2. 34 MRSA § 2378 is enacted to read: