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**CHAPTER 61**

H. P. 171 — L. D. 193

**AN ACT to Revise the Voluntary Training and Certification Program for Installers of Solar Energy Equipment in Maine.****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:**

**Sec. 1.** 5 MRSA § 5005, sub-§ 1, ¶ O, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 277, § 1, is amended to read:

**O.** In cooperation with the Plumbers' Examining Board and the Department of Business Regulation, establish a voluntary training and certification program for installers of solar energy equipment.

**Sec. 2.** 32 MRSA § 8003, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 277, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**Upon notice from the Office of Energy Resources, the Department of Business Regulation shall issue solar energy installer's certificates to those individuals who meet the requirements listed in this section. The Department of Business Regulation shall keep all relevant records.**

**Sec. 3.** 32 MRSA § 8003-A is enacted to read:

**§ 8003-A. Fees**

**The Commissioner of Business Regulation may establish reasonable fees for the issuance of solar energy installer's certificates. All fees shall be paid to the Treasurer of State to be used by the Department of Business Regulation for the purposes of this chapter.**

**Sec. 4.** 32 MRSA § 8004, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 277, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**The Office of Energy Resources, in coordination with the Department of Business Regulation, shall investigate or cause to be investigated all complaints against certified solar energy installers and all cases of violations of this chapter. The Office of Energy Resources may refuse to renew the certification and the Administrative Court may suspend or revoke the certification of a solar energy installer who is found guilty of:**

**Sec. 5.** 32 MRSA § 8006 is enacted to read:

**§ 8006. Renewals**

All certificates shall expire on December 31st of the 2nd year following issuance or such other times as the Commissioner of Business Regulation may designate. The certificates may be renewed on a biennial basis without further examination upon the payment of the proper fee. The Department of Business Regulation shall notify everyone registered under this chapter of the date of expiration of his license and the amount of fee required for its renewal for a 2-year period. The notice shall be mailed to the person's last known address at least 30 days in advance of the expiration date of his license. Any person who fails to renew his license within a period of 90 days following the expiration date is required to take an examination.

Effective September 18, 1981

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## CHAPTER 62

H. P. 168 — L. D. 221

**AN ACT to Amend the Law Relating to the Regulation of Privately Owned Correspondence Schools.**

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA §§ 2651 to 2656, as amended, are repealed.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA §§ 2651-A to 2654-A are enacted to read:

### § 2651-A. Certificate of approval; exemptions

1. Requirement for certificate of approval. Any privately owned correspondence school located either within or outside of the State shall obtain a certificate of approval from the commissioner before soliciting or selling in Maine any correspondence course or collecting any tuition, fee or other charge. In addition, each correspondence school shall supply a listing of solicitors authorized by it to recruit in Maine.

2. Exceptions. Public institutions which are exempt from property taxation under Maine laws and courses or programs of instruction conducted under contract with an employer for employees exclusively are exempt from the requirements of this chapter.

### § 2652-A. Application form; fee; bond

1. Application requirements; certification period; bonding and revocation of certificate. The application for a certificate of approval required in section 2651-A shall be made on forms furnished by the commissioner and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50 and a surety bond in the penal sum of \$1,000.