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son or when the driver is waiting for a service to be rendered to the handicapped person. The placard issued under this section shall bear the name of the handicapped person. A \$1 fee shall be charged for the placard.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §252, next to the last ¶, as amended by PL 1977, c. 194, §2, is further amended to read:

Any person other than a handicapped person ~~or the spouse of a handicapped person~~ issued a set of special designating plates or placard under this section shall be subject to a \$100 fine for use of the special designating plates or placard. The special designating plates or placard shall be suspended if improper use is permitted.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §252, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 16, §4, is amended to read:

These special designating plates placards shall bear the International Handicap Symbol, ~~easily recognizable at a distance, which indicates that the vehicle is owned by a handicapped person.~~

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §252-A, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 371, §1, is amended to read:

§252-A. Disabled veterans; special free license plates

The Secretary of State on application and upon evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482 shall issue a registration certificate and set of special designating plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates to any 100% disabled veteran who served in the United States Armed Forces in a combat zone at any time during his tenure of service when that application is accompanied by certification from the United States Veterans Administration as to the veteran's disability and receipt of 100% service-connected benefits and that the veteran is permanently confined to a wheelchair or restricted to the use of crutches or braces or otherwise handicapped in such a way that his mobility is seriously restricted and a copy of the appropriate military form certifying combat duty service.

These special designating plates shall bear the ~~International Symbol, easily recognizable at a distance, and~~ the letters VET which indicates that the vehicle is owned by a disabled veteran.

Sec. 5. 29 MRSA §252-C, 3rd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 737, Pt. A, §79, is amended to read:

Temporary handicapped placards shall be of a design and color established by the Secretary of State and the placards shall show the expiration date specified by the physician who prepared the prescription request.

Sec. 6. 29 MRSA §252-C, last ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 737, Pt. A, §79, is amended to read:

A person to whom a temporary placard has been issued under this section is entitled to the same rights and privileges as a person to whom a ~~plate or~~ placard is issued under section 252, during the term of that temporary placard.

Sec. 7. 29 MRSA §255, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 406, §1, is amended to read:

No registration or license may be required for a converted motor vehicle used as a woods tractor when the woods tractor is used solely for logging purposes, and the woods tractor may be operated, without registration or license, from or to the premises where the woods tractor is kept, to or from a wood lot and between wood lots, used for logging purposes by the owner of the woods tractor. The woods tractor may be operated, without registration or license, from or to a filling station garage for gas, oil or repairs.

Sec. 8. 29 MRSA §259, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 85, is amended to read:

§259. Change of location or status; motor vehicle

Whenever any person, firm or corporation, after applying for and receiving a registration for any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, shall move from the address named in such application or in the registration issued, or when the name of the holder of such registration is changed by marriage or otherwise, such person, firm or corporation shall within 30 10 days thereafter notify the Secretary of State, in writing, of the old and new address or of such former and new names and of the number of registrations then held by such person, firm or corporation.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 57

H.P. 347 — L.D. 446

AN ACT to Amend the Divorce Laws Regarding Custody to the Department of Human Services.

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

19 MRSA §752, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 813, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

9. Department of Human Services. When the Department of Human Services has been granted parental rights and responsibilities for a child under this section, Title 22, chapter 1071, shall apply regarding subsequent reviews and shall govern further rights and responsibilities of the department, the parents, the child and any other party.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 58

H.P. 582 — L.D. 780

AN ACT Regarding the Membership of the Maine Committee on Aging.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §5108, as amended by PL 1983, c. 862, §72, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §5108-A is enacted to read:

§5108-A. Committee established; memberships; appointments

The Maine Committee on Aging, established pursuant to Title 5, chapter 379, is an independent agency outside the Department of Human Services.

1. Membership, general qualifications. The committee shall be composed of 15 members who shall be citizens of the State. The members shall have an unselfish and demonstrated interest in older people, a knowledge of the status of survival common to the State's elderly and an unwavering allegiance to the challenge of the declaration of a people made by older Americans.

2. Appointment; specific qualifications. Members of the committee shall meet the specific qualifications of and shall be appointed as provided in this subsection.

A. The Governor shall appoint 13 members who are current leaders of the State's elderly from a number of fields, such as income, health, housing and community and social services, and who have proven experience in private, public and voluntary organizations on the state, regional and community level, such as statewide membership groups, task forces on aging, regional and county councils of older people and municipal level senior citizens clubs.

B. At least 2 members of the committee shall be current Members of the Legislature, one from the House of Representatives who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House and one from the Senate who shall be appointed by the President of the Senate.

C. At least 8 members shall be older Americans. An official, employee, consultant or any other individual employed, retained or otherwise compensated by or representative of the executive branch of State Government shall not be a member of the committee.

3. Terms and reappointments. Legislative members shall serve during their legislative terms. The other

members shall be appointed for terms of 3 years. Members may be reappointed, but no member may serve more than 2 consecutive full terms of 3 years each. Members may serve after the expiration of their terms until their successors have been appointed and qualified.

A. The Governor may terminate the appointment of any member of the committee appointed by him for just cause and the reason for the termination of each appointment shall be communicated to each member terminated. The appointment of any member of the committee shall be terminated if a member is absent from 3 consecutive meetings without just cause that is communicated to the chairman.

4. Vacancies. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of that term.

A. Any vacancy in the committee shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

5. Chairman; number of meetings. The Governor shall designate the chairman from among the members appointed to the committee. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairman, but not less often than 4 times a year.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §5109, as amended by PL 1973, c. 793, §9, is repealed.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 59

H.P. 706 — L.D. 948

AN ACT Relating to Drinking on Public Beaches.

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

17 MRSA §2003-A, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 418, §2, is amended to read:

D. "Public place" means:

(1) A place owned or operated by a governmental entity to which the public at large or a substantial group has access, including but not limited to:

(a) Public ways as defined in Title 17-A, section 505;

(b) Schools, government-owned custodial facilities; and

(c) The lobbies, hallways, lavatories, toilets and basement portions of apartment houses, hotels, public buildings and transportation terminals; and