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Chapter 280 of the Public Utilities Commission's Rules, that conflicts with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 7304 is superseded by Title 35-A, section 7304. The fact that section 6(C) of Chapter 280 is superseded by Title 35-A, section 7304 does not affect any other portion of Chapter 280.

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

Effective April 29, 1991.

CHAPTER 55

H.P. 196 - L.D. 287

An Act to Amend the Law Concerning the Court Appointed Special Advocate Advisory Panel

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

4 MRSA §1505, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 581, §1, is amended to read:

§1505. Court Appointed Special Advocate Advisory Panel

A Court Appointed Special Advocate Advisory Panel ~~shall be~~ is appointed by the Chief ~~Judge~~ Justice of the ~~District~~ Supreme Judicial Court to set the policy for and monitor the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program. ~~The committee shall include, but not be limited to: The Chief Judge of the District Court or his designee; the State Court Administrator or his designee; the Commissioner of Human Services or his designee; and the Attorney General or his designee.~~

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CHAPTER 56

H.P. 208 - L.D. 299

An Act Regarding the Filing of a Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint by Law Enforcement Officers

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

29 MRSA §2300, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Responsibility of law enforcement officer to file Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint with District Court. Every law enforcement officer issuing a Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint that charges the commission of an offense shall file the original of the Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint with the District Court having jurisdiction over the offense or in such other loca-

tion as instructed by the Chief Judge of the District Court without undue delay and, in any event, within 5 days after the issuance of the Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 57

H.P. 422 - L.D. 605

An Act to Provide Administrative Oversight of Organic Food Certification in Maine

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §556, as amended by PL 1989, c. 663, is further amended to read:

§556. Certification

~~No A food which~~ that is labeled or advertised as natural, organic, organically grown, biologically grown or by a similar term, may not be labeled or advertised as "certified" unless the name of the person or organization ~~which~~ that provides that certification is stated on the label or in the advertisement. Any organization within this State that provides certification of food may not make membership a condition of certification under this section. Organizations offering certification services in the State shall provide information on standards used to the department on an annual basis.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §559, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 240, §§1 and 2, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §562, as amended by PL 1979, c. 731, §19, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §562-A is enacted to read:

§562-A. Enforcement obligations

1. Rules. The department shall adopt rules as it determines appropriate for the proper administration of this subchapter.

2. Violation notices. The department shall issue notices to growers, manufacturers or sellers alleged to have violated any provision of this subchapter. A person who violates this subchapter commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture not to exceed \$1,000 may be adjudged. The department may also recover costs of investigation, with the limitation that the total forfeiture assessed for a violation may not exceed \$1,000.

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