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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
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**CHAPTER 652****S.P. 852 - L.D. 2165****An Act to Authorize Forest Rangers to Enforce the Rules and Laws Pertaining to the Bureau of Public Lands****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8901, sub-§2, ¶D**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 816, Pt. KK, §14, is further amended to read:

D. Enforce all laws relating to forests and forest preservation ~~and~~ laws relating to the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission and laws and rules relating to lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Public Lands;

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §8901, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 816, Pt. KK, §15, is further amended to read:

**3. Law enforcement powers.** Forest rangers and the state supervisor, for the purpose of enforcing forest and forest preservation laws ~~and~~ laws of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission and laws and rules relating to the lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Public Lands, ~~shall~~ have the law enforcement powers equivalent to a sheriff or sheriff's deputy, including the right to arrest violators, ~~prosecute the same violators~~, serve criminal process against offenders, require aid in executing forest ranger duties and deputize temporary aides.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 653****H.P. 1589 - L.D. 2243****An Act to Clarify the Zoning Provisions Administered by the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission**

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

**Whereas**, current law considers changes in land use districts and resulting zoning maps as rule-making proceedings; and

**Whereas**, current law requires each state agency to issue a regulatory agenda that lists rules that the agency expects to propose prior to the next regulatory agenda due date; and

**Whereas**, site-specific zoning petitions are filed with the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission each year by landowners, at times suitable to their purposes; and

**Whereas**, delay in acting upon citizen petitions may result in undue financial hardships to individuals and private enterprise development; 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:**

**12 MRSA §685-A, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 810, §1, is further amended by amending the 5th paragraph to read:

At hearings, interested owners, lessees, officials, agencies and individuals may appear and be heard. They are allowed at least 10 days after the close of the public hearing, or within such longer time period as the commission may direct, to file written statements with the commission. Except as provided in this chapter, any hearings required or authorized under this subsection or subsection 8 must be conducted in accordance with the requirements for rulemaking set forth in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II; provided that the requirements of Title 5, section 8052, subsections 5, 5-A and 7; ; section 8053-A; ; section 8056, subsections 1, 3 and 4; ; section 8056-A; ; section 8057, subsection 2; ; and sections 8057-A, 8060 ~~and~~, 8062 and 8064 do not apply to these procedures.

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

Effective March 9, 1992.

**CHAPTER 654****H.P. 1118 - L.D. 1643****An Act to Protect Telephone Customer Privacy****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7101-A** is enacted to read:

**§7101-A. Telecommunications privacy; policy**

The Legislature declares and finds the following.