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**CHAPTER 133****H.P. 283 - L.D. 370****An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to Property Tax Abatements****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §841, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 16, §1 and affected by §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**1. Error or mistake.** The assessors, either upon written application filed within 185 days from commitment stating the grounds for an abatement or on their own initiative within one year from commitment, may make such reasonable abatement as they consider proper to correct any illegality, error or irregularity in assessment, provided that the taxpayer has complied with section 706.

The municipal officers, either upon written application filed after one year but within 3 years from commitment stating the grounds for an abatement or on their own initiative within that time period, may make such reasonable abatement as they consider proper to correct any illegality, error or irregularity in assessment, provided the taxpayer has complied with section 706. The municipal officers may not grant an abatement to correct an error in the valuation of property.

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**CHAPTER 134****H.P. 230 - L.D. 298****An Act Authorizing Maine Banks to Export Certain Credit Terms****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA §1-110, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 218, is amended to read:

**2. Consumer loans** Open-end credit plans related to credit cards and consumer credit transactions effected by the use of credit cards entered into by state-chartered supervised financial organizations as defined in section 1-301, subsection 38; and

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**CHAPTER 135****H.P. 267 - L.D. 345****An Act Regarding Recurring Charges Charged to Credit or Charge Cards****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA §8-304** is enacted to read:

**§8-304. Recurring charges to credit or charge cards**

If a sale of goods, services or insurance is charged to a credit card or charge card account on an annual basis without substantially contemporaneous authorizations by the consumer, the seller shall inform the consumer of the voluntary nature of the charge to the credit or charge card account and of the steps necessary to prevent this charge at least 30 days prior to the annual charge. The card issuer may provide the notice on behalf of the seller. This section does not apply to insurance subject to notice and cancellation rights pursuant to section 4-204.

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2184**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 727, §1, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 136****H.P. 229 - L.D. 297****An Act to Change the Penalty for Night Hunting or Illegal Killing of Large Game Animals****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7077, sub-§§1-A and 1-B** are enacted to read:

**1-A. Mandatory hunting license revocation for certain violations.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, the commissioner must revoke for a period of at least one year the hunting license of any person convicted of a violation of one of the following:

A. A closed season violation, in violation of section 7406, subsection 1 as it relates to bear, deer or moose;

B. Hunting under the influence of alcohol, in violation of section 7406, subsection 3;