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CHAPTER 108
H.P. 847 - L.D. 1178

An Act Regarding Designation by the Commissioner of Transportation of a Deputy or Another Staff Member to Represent the Commissioner of Transportation at Maine Turnpike Authority Meetings

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1965, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 1987, c. 433, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The authority shall consist of 4 members appointed by the Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation and subject to confirmation by the Legislature. The Commissioner of Transportation shall be a member ex officio. The Commissioner of Transportation may designate a deputy, director, assistant or other officer or employee of the department to represent the Commissioner of Transportation at meetings of the authority with full power to act and vote on behalf of the Commissioner of Transportation. Upon the expiration of the term of office of any member, the Governor shall appoint a new member who shall serve in office for a term of 7 years and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified, and any member of the authority shall be eligible for reappointment. In the event of a vacancy in the membership of the authority caused by the death, incapacity, resignation or removal of a member, the Governor shall appoint a new member who shall serve in office for a term of 7 years and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified, and any member of the authority shall be eligible for reappointment. In all events, no member may be appointed to the authority who is not a resident of the State at the time of his appointment and qualification, or who has not been a qualified voter in the State for a period of at least one year next preceding his appointment.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 109
S.P. 431 - L.D. 1199

An Act to Amend the Maine Criminal Code by Correcting References to Committee Structure

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1353, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 740, §124, is amended to read:

1. The Senate and House chairmen chairs of the Judiciary Committee joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over the Maine Criminal Code and the Maine Juvenile Code, or their designees, shall serve as consultants to the commission. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall appoint 4 consultants to the commission, at least one of whom shall be an active member of the Superior Court and at least one of whom shall be an active member of the District Court.

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CHAPTER 110
S.P. 435 - L.D. 1203

An Act to Rename the Crime of Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent Person

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §555, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:

§555. Endangering welfare of a dependent person

1. A person is guilty of endangering the welfare of an incompetent dependent person if he knowingly endangers the health, safety or mental welfare of a person who is unable to perform self-care because of advanced age, physical or mental disease, disorder or defect.

2. As used in this section "endangers" includes a failure to act only when the defendant had a legal duty to protect the health, safety or mental welfare of the incompetent dependent person.

3. Endangering the welfare of an incompetent dependent person is a Class D crime.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §557, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended to read: