

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
1995

handfishing, dragging, hand-raking and trapping pursuant to section 6749-W.

4. Chair and officers. The council shall annually choose one of its members to serve as chair for a one-year term. The council may select other officers and designate their duties.

5. Meetings. The council shall meet at least once each year. The council may also meet at other times at the call of the chair or the chair's designee or the call of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee.

§6749-Y. Penalty

Notwithstanding section 6204, a person who violates or fails to comply with this subchapter commits a Class D crime that is punishable by a fine of not less than \$500. The fine may not be suspended.

§6749-Z. Changing zones; 1997 and 1998

1. Authorization of changes. Beginning in calendar year 1997, a person eligible to purchase a license under section 6749-O who wishes to change the zone in which the person harvests sea urchins may not change zones unless the change is authorized by the commissioner in accordance with this section.

2. Zone change request on application. A person eligible to purchase a license under section 6749-O who wishes to change the zone in which that person was licensed to harvest sea urchins in the previous calendar year must indicate on a sea urchin harvesting license application a preference to change the zone in which the person harvests sea urchins. The commissioner shall stamp each sea urchin harvesting license application with the time and date of submission.

3. Conditions for authorization. The commissioner shall authorize zone change requests for a zone if the number of licenses issued for that zone in the previous calendar year is less than the number of licenses issued for that zone in the year before the previous calendar year. The total number of authorized change requests for a zone during a licensing year may not exceed the number by which the number of licenses issued for that zone in the previous calendar year is less than the number of licenses issued for that zone in the year before the previous calendar year. The commissioner shall authorize zone change requests in chronological order of requests received under this section.

Sec. 6. Effective date. Those sections of this Act that amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6749-N and enact Title 12, sections 6749-V and 6749-W take effect May 1, 1996.

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

Effective April 2, 1996, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 596

S.P. 638 - L.D. 1673

An Act to Require the Department of Human Services to Provide Notice and Hearing in Cases Involving Denial of the Application of the Charity Care Guidelines

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §395-B, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 368, Pt. W, §4, is amended to read:

1. Charity care guidelines. The department shall adopt reasonable guidelines for policies to be adopted and implemented by hospitals with respect to the provision of health care services to patients who are determined unable to pay for the services received. The department shall adopt income guidelines that are consistent with the guidelines applicable to the Hill-Burton Program established under 42 United States Code, Section 291, et seq. (1988). The guidelines and policies must include the requirement that upon admission or, in cases of emergency admission, before discharge of a patient, hospitals must investigate the coverage of the patient by any insurance or state or federal programs of medical assistance. The guidelines must include provisions for notice to the public and the opportunity for a fair hearing regarding eligibility for charity care.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 597

H.P. 1265 - L.D. 1740

An Act to Exempt Working Rural Mail Carriers and Taxicab Operators from Certain Provisions of the Seat Belt Law

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