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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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18 within ~~3 years~~ one year of the date of issuance under this chapter are invalid for circulation.

Sec. 2. Application. This Act does not apply to petitions for which the date of issuance as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 901 is prior to April 1, 1998.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 638

S.P. 740 - L.D. 2018

An Act to Protect Customers of Consumer-owned Utilities

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3212, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 316, §3, is amended to read:

~~When~~ Except as provided in subsection 6, when retail access begins, the commission shall ensure that standard-offer service is available to all consumers of electricity.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3212, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Consumer-owned utilities. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the commission is not required to conduct a competitive bidding process or select a standard-offer service provider or providers for the territory of a consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility if the consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility chooses one or more standard-offer service providers for its territory through a competitive bidding process conducted in accordance with the commission's rules governing the selection and criteria for approval of a standard-offer service provider. Selection of a standard-offer service provider or providers and agreements with or purchases from a standard-offer service provider or providers are not subject to the approval requirements of section 3133 or 3133-A. A consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility may choose a single standard-offer service provider. A consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility that intends to choose a standard-offer service provider or providers in accordance with this subsection shall notify the commission.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 639

S.P. 802 - L.D. 2172

An Act to Provide for the Licensing, Inspection and Labeling of Farmstead Cheese

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2901, sub-§8-D is enacted to read:

8-D. Farmstead cheese. "Farmstead cheese" means cheese that is manufactured within the State and that is produced on the same farm on which the milk is produced from milk that is heat treated but is not pasteurized.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §2904-A is enacted to read:

§2904-A. Farmstead cheese

1. Inspection. The department shall inspect the processing of farmstead cheese using the same standards used to inspect other cheeses.

2. Licensing. A producer may not sell farmstead cheese unless licensed in accordance with this section. The department shall issue a license to a farmstead cheese producer in accordance with the same standards used to issue licenses to other cheese producers.

3. Labeling. The department shall establish rules for the labeling of farmstead cheese. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

4. Sale restrictions. Farmstead cheese may only be sold from the farm where it is produced and through farm stands and farmers' markets, as defined in section 415.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 640

H.P. 1370 - L.D. 1920

An Act to Promote Competitiveness Regarding the Sale of Recreational Vehicles by Allowing Better Discounts

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