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## CHAPTER 18

### H.P. 6 - L.D. 16

#### **An Act to Close Elver Fishing on the West Side of the Orland River**

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

**Whereas,** it is necessary that this Act take effect prior to the beginning of the next elver fishing season in March 1999; 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:**

**Sec. 1.** 12 MRSA §6575-F is enacted to read:

**§6575-F. West side of Orland River closed to elver fishing**

A person may not fish for or take elvers within the portion of the Orland River between the west bank and the center of the river from the southernmost point of land on Fish Point to the dam in Orland.

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

Effective March 19, 1999.

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## CHAPTER 19

### S.P. 21 - L.D. 13

#### **An Act to Designate the First Saturday of Each October as Firefighter's Recognition Day**

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

**Sec. 1.** 1 MRSA §135 is enacted to read:

### **§135. Firefighter's Recognition Day**

In recognition of the value and importance of firefighters, the State designates the first Saturday in October as Firefighter's Recognition Day. The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation urging the people of the State to observe the day with appropriate celebration and activity.

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## CHAPTER 20

### S.P. 91 - L.D. 194

#### **An Act to Increase Nonregular Island Ferry Service from 24 to 36 Trips**

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

**Whereas,** this legislation amends the number of ferry trips provided by state-owned or privately contracted vessels for the Maine State Ferry Service from 24 to 36 in time to schedule these trips for future business; and

**Whereas,** the scheduling timeliness is important for the economic benefit of the island communities; 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:**

**Sec. 1.** 23 MRSA §4401, as amended by PL 1997, c. 612, §1, is further amended to read:

**§4401. Ferry service for North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro, Matinicus Isle, Swan's Island and Frenchboro**

It is the duty of the Department of Transportation to operate a ferry route or routes between the mainland and the towns of North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro, Matinicus Isle and Swan's Island for the purpose of transporting vehicles, freight and passengers to and from these towns, and the department may operate the ferry route or routes to and from Frenchboro. Ferry service to Matinicus Isle must be at least 12 times per year and may be up to ~~24~~ 36 times per year and may be provided by state-owned or privately