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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. 1 MRSA §150 is enacted to read:

§150. Missing Persons Day

The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation establishing May 25th as Missing Persons Day. The proclamation must invite and urge citizens, law enforcement agencies, family service agencies and other suitable organizations and groups to observe this day through appropriate activities.

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

Effective April 4, 2007.

CHAPTER 29
S.P. 42 - L.D. 134

An Act To Encourage the Use of Solar Energy

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3211-C, sub-§2, as reallotated by RR 2005, c. 1, §17, is amended to read:

2. Solar energy rebate program. To the extent that funds are available in the fund established in subsection 3, an owner or tenant of residential or commercial property located in the State is entitled to a rebate for a qualified solar energy system that is installed in accordance with this subsection after July 1, 2005 that will be connected to the electrical grid. The commission shall set rebate levels for qualified solar energy systems. In setting rebate levels, the commission may consider market demand for qualified solar energy systems, program implementation experience and other factors relevant to the solar energy rebate program.

A. A To qualify for a rebate, a solar photovoltaic system qualifies for a rebate of \$3 per watt on the first 2,000 watts of installed capacity and \$1 per watt for the next 1,000 watts if must meet the following installation requirements:

- (1) For a system installed after July 1, 2005 but before January 1, 2007, the system is must be installed by a master electrician who has completed a training course to prepare for

certification by a North American board of certified energy practitioners or by a master electrician working in conjunction with either a person who has been certified by a North American board of certified energy practitioners or a person who has completed a training course to prepare for certification by a North American board of certified energy practitioners; or

(2) For a system installed on or after January 1, 2007, the system is must be installed by a master electrician who has been certified by a North American board of certified energy practitioners or by a master electrician working in conjunction with a person who has been certified by a North American board of certified energy practitioners.

B. A To qualify for a rebate, a solar thermal system designed to heat water qualifies for a rebate of 25% of the cost of the system, including installation, or \$1,250, whichever is less, if the system is must be installed by a licensed plumber who has been certified by the commission to install such systems or by a licensed plumber working in conjunction with a person who has been certified by the commission to install such systems.

C. A solar thermal system designed to heat air qualifies for a rebate of 25% of the cost of the system, including installation, or \$1,250, whichever is less.

In the case of a newly constructed residence, the rebate must be available to the original owner or occupant.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 30
H.P. 169 - L.D. 198

An Act To Increase the Value of an Estate Collectible by Affidavit in Probate Law to \$20,000

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

Sec. 1. 18-A MRSA §3-1201, sub-§(a), ¶(1), as enacted by PL 1979, c. 540, §1, is amended to read:

- (1). The value of the entire estate, wherever located, less liens and encumbrances, does not exceed \$10,000 \$20,000;

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