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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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This subsection may not be construed as prohibiting the commission from enforcing the land use standards certified to the Department of Environmental Protection under this paragraph; and

Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §685-B, sub-§1-A, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. A permit from the commission is not required for the repair or maintenance of county-owned roads, bridges or culverts as long as the repair or maintenance is conducted in accordance with commission standards that pertain to these activities.

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CHAPTER 12

S.P. 106 - L.D. 240

An Act to Create Consistency in Retirement Service Benefits Deferral Under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17851, sub-§17, as corrected by RR 2023, c. 1, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

17. Member eligible to retire from plans with different normal retirement ages. A member who meets eligibility requirements to retire from plans with different normal retirement ages may retire and, at the election of the member, defer initiation of service retirement benefits from any plan in which the benefits would be reduced because the member has not reached normal retirement age. The deferral ends when the member reaches normal retirement age for the plan. The election to defer is irrevocable and must be made before payment of a service retirement benefit begins. Service retirement benefits deferred under this subsection must be paid by the retirement system without an early retirement reduction and without any retroactive payment for the deferral period. If the member dies before the end of the deferral period, the deferral of benefits applies to any continuing beneficiary payments for the same deferral period that would have been applicable to the member. This subsection applies to a member with service credit from a participating local district who retires under a plan in this chapter.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 13

S.P. 115 - L.D. 248

An Act to Rename the Administrator of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner the Director of Medical Examiner Operations

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3022, sub-§2-A, as amended by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. FF, §1, is further amended to read:

2-A. Appointment of ~~office administrator~~ Director of Medical Examiner Operations. The Chief Medical Examiner may appoint ~~one office administrator~~ a Director of Medical Examiner Operations, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Chief Medical Examiner. ~~The office administrator~~ Director of Medical Examiner Operations shall perform such duties as may be delegated by the Chief Medical Examiner. Notwithstanding any ~~other provisions~~ provision of law to the contrary, the compensation of the ~~Chief Medical Examiner's office administrator~~ Director of Medical Examiner Operations must be fixed by the Chief Medical Examiner subject to approval by the Attorney General.

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CHAPTER 14

S.P. 117 - L.D. 250

An Act Regarding the Disposal of Abandoned Human Remains

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3028-A, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 335, §1, is amended to read:

The Chief Medical Examiner may assume responsibility for the disposal of identified human remains of a deceased resident of this State that are the subject of a medical examiner case if no one takes custody and control of the human remains for a period of ~~30~~ 15 days after the Chief Medical Examiner has both completed an autopsy or necessary examination of the human remains and made reasonable inquiry under section 3028-D, subsection 1. Such abandoned remains may be interred or cremated. The Chief Medical Examiner shall file or cause to be filed a certificate of abandonment in the municipality where the human remains were recovered that indicates the means of disposal.

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