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CHAPTER 90
H.P. 433 - L.D. 665

**An Act Regarding the Use of
Military Protective Orders in
Protection from Abuse and
Protection from Harassment
Proceedings**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4651, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Military protective order. "Military protective order" means a protection order issued pursuant to 10 United States Code, Section 1567 by a commanding officer of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard of any state, against a person under the officer's command.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §4654, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2011, c. 559, Pt. C, §§4 and 5, is further amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

In making the determination required under paragraph A, the court may consider the existence of an active military protective order.

Sec. 3. 19-A MRSA §4102, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:

7-A. Military protective order. "Military protective order" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 4651, subsection 3-A.

Sec. 4. 19-A MRSA §4102, sub-§8, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is amended to read:

C. An order of a tribal court of the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation; ~~or~~

Sec. 5. 19-A MRSA §4102, sub-§8, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is amended to read:

D. A similar order issued by a court of the United States or of another state, territory, commonwealth or federally recognized Indian tribe; ~~or~~

Sec. 6. 19-A MRSA §4102, sub-§8, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. A military protective order.

Sec. 7. 19-A MRSA §4108, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is amended to read:

1. Temporary orders. The court may enter temporary orders authorized under subsection 2 that it considers necessary to protect a plaintiff or minor child

from abuse, on good cause shown in an ex parte proceeding, which the court shall hear and determine as expeditiously as practicable after the filing of a complaint. Immediate and present danger of abuse to the plaintiff or minor child constitutes good cause. In determining whether good cause exists, the court may consider the existence of an active military protective order. A temporary order remains in effect pending a hearing pursuant to section 4109.

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CHAPTER 91
H.P. 443 - L.D. 704

**An Act to Clarify Performance
Standards for Quarries**

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §490-X, as amended by PL 2007, c. 297, §8 and PL 2011, c. 682, §38, is further amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, a person exempt from the requirements of this article that is operating a quarry one acre in size or less; that is operating a quarry that has a total excavated area, including adjacent parcels under a common owner or operator, that is one acre in size or less; or that is operating a quarry and conducting an excavation or grading preliminary to a construction project shall comply with the blasting notification requirements under section 490-Z, subsection 14, paragraph O if the person intends to conduct blasting at that quarry or as part of that excavation or grading.

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CHAPTER 92
H.P. 788 - L.D. 1183

**An Act to Ensure Rent-to-own
Protections Apply to Mobile
Home Park Tenants**

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6203-H, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 350, §2, is amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

"Option contract for the purchase of real property or rent-to-own real property" includes an agreement under this paragraph for which the residential real property subject to the agreement is a mobile

home as defined in Title 10, section 9091, subsection 1.

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §6203-H, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 350, §2, is amended to read:

B. Include a statement that the vendor has inspected the property to be conveyed and certifies that the property is in compliance with sections 6021 and 6021-A, subject to the provisions of section 6021, subsection 5 authorizing a waiver for a stated reduction in payment or other specified fair consideration, and, if applicable, that the property is in compliance with Title 10, section 9099, subject to the provisions of Title 10, section 9099, subsection 4 authorizing a waiver for a stated reduction in payment or other specified fair consideration;

Sec. 3. 14 MRSA §6203-H, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 350, §2, is amended to read:

C. Identify the party required to maintain the premises in compliance with sections 6021 and 6021-A and, if applicable, Title 10, section 9099;

Sec. 4. 14 MRSA §6203-H, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 350, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) The option contract for the purchase of real property or rent-to-own real property requires the vendor to maintain the real property pursuant to the provisions of section 6021, unless a waiver pursuant to the provisions of section 6021, subsection 5 has been entered into, and the provisions of section 6021-A and, if applicable, the provisions of Title 10, section 9099, unless a waiver pursuant to Title 10, section 9099, subsection 4 has been entered into; and

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CHAPTER 93

S.P. 360 - L.D. 795

An Act to Establish a Waiver Process from the Permit Requirements for the Use of Explosives in Recreational or Hobby Mining Activities

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2473-A is enacted to read:

§2473-A. Waiver of permit requirements for recreational or hobby mining

Notwithstanding section 2473, a person intending to conduct recreational or hobby mining activities may request and the commissioner may approve a waiver from the permit requirements of section 2473 for the

possession, use, storage and transportation of explosives for use in the recreational or hobby mining activities.

1. Criteria for approval. The commissioner may approve a waiver under this section if the commissioner determines that:

A. The person requesting the waiver has not committed any violations of this chapter or the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter or any other violations of law or rules relating to public safety;

B. The person requesting the waiver has demonstrated to the commissioner's satisfaction that compliance with the requirements of this chapter is impractical with respect to the recreational or hobby mining activities the person intends to conduct;

C. Approving the waiver will not compromise public safety or pose a risk to public or private property;

D. The person requesting the waiver has agreed to implement alternative safety measures for the possession, use, storage and transportation of explosives as directed by the commissioner; and

E. The person requesting the waiver had previously been issued a waiver from the requirements of section 2473 by the commissioner prior to March 4, 2025.

2. Rules. The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

As used in this section, "recreational or hobby mining activities" means mining activities for which a person is not required to obtain a permit under the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act and that are conducted for a noncommercial purpose.

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CHAPTER 94

S.P. 41 - L.D. 26

An Act to Add an Inflation Adjustment to the Maximum Amount of Funding Disbursed from the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund for Certain Personal Services of the Department of Environmental Protection

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