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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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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

See title page for effective date.

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.

See title page for effective date.

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: