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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Sec. 8. 19-A MRSA §660, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 193, §1, is amended by enacting a new first paragraph to read:

In order to provide an official record of statements concerning marriages that have occurred in this State, the State Registrar of Vital Statistics must accept a registration of any marriage for which no record can be found in either the files of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics or the clerk of the municipality where the marriage license was issued or in the municipality where the marriage occurred, as long as such registration is filed in accordance with this section.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 131

H.P. 73 - L.D. 108

An Act to Authorize the Release of Military Records to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the Purposes of Suicide Reporting and Prevention

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

Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §509, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Release of information about military status; suicide reporting and prevention. Upon request by an authorized representative of the Department of the Attorney General, Office of Chief Medical Examiner in the conduct of official duties, the bureau may release information regarding a deceased person's military service to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the purposes of suicide reporting and prevention.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 132

H.P. 90 - L.D. 157

An Act to Amend Certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10206, sub-§11, as amended by PL 2023, c. 228, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10268 is enacted to read:
§10268. Fish and Wildlife Management Education Fund

The department shall deposit \$1 of every hunting license and trapping license fee collected pursuant to sections 11109, 11109-A and 12201 in a separate account within the department, to be known as the Fish and Wildlife Management Education Fund. The fund is nonlapsing. The department shall use money in the fund on an annual basis to educate the public on the management of game species of fish and wildlife and to communicate with the public about department programs. The department may contract with a private entity to provide this education. Education provided pursuant to this section may include information about how hunting and fishing help to manage specific species. The department may continue its activities pursuant to this section during ballot initiative campaigns concerning fish and wildlife issues. The funds may also be used for education programs for youth or families that promote participation in hunting, fishing, trapping or other outdoor recreational activities.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§6, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

D. Discharging a firearm or archery equipment within 100 yards of a residential dwelling without owner permission, in violation of section 11209;

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2011, c. 370, §6, is further amended to read:

6. Application procedure. An eligible person wishing to apply for a permit must file ~~a written~~ an application for a permit on a form furnished by the commissioner. The application fee is nonrefundable. A person may not file ~~no~~ more than one application. A person who submits more than one application is disqualified from the selection of permittees. The application must be accompanied by an application fee of:

A. For a resident:

(1) Fifteen dollars for a one-chance application; or

B. For a nonresident:

(1) Fifteen dollars for a one-chance application;

(2) Twenty-five dollars for a 3-chance application;

(3) Thirty-five dollars for a 6-chance application; and

(4) Fifty-five dollars for a 10-chance application; multiple 10-chance options may be purchased.

A clerk or agent appointed by the commissioner under section 10801 may process an application under this subsection. The clerk or agent shall charge a fee of \$2 for each application under this subsection processed by that clerk or agent.