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the department upon the payment of a fee not to exceed \$250. The license fee for a person engaged in both the arts of tattooing, as defined by ~~chapter 63~~ in section 4201, and body piercing may not exceed \$300. The fee required by this section includes the cost of ~~an annual~~ one inspection and one follow-up inspection of the body piercing establishment by the department. Licenses expire one year from date of issue. All fees collected by the department pursuant to this section must be deposited into a special revenue account dedicated to a health inspection program.

A license issued in error by the department is void and must be returned to the department on demand. Notice of the demand to return the license must be delivered by hand or by certified mail to the licensee.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 340

H.P. 517 - L.D. 810

An Act Regarding the Approval of Transmission Lines

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§6-C, as amended by PL 2023, c. 644, §2, is further amended by enacting at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

For the purposes of this subsection, a high-impact electric transmission line is deemed to have received the majority legislative approval required by this subsection if the high-impact electric transmission line is approved for a contract after a competitive procurement conducted by the commission or a state agency pursuant to statutory authority granted under this Title.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 341

H.P. 596 - L.D. 931

An Act to Amend the Law Allowing Individuals Subject to Pretrial or Presentence Incarceration to Be Credited Time for Participation in Work Projects Within a Jail

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §1606, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 169, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Sentence prorated. Inmates participating in a public works-related project or an improvement of property owned by a charitable organization under subsection 1 and inmates participating in a work project within a jail under subsection 1-B may have their sentences to the jail prorated at the rate of up to one day removed from the sentences for every 16 hours of participation in the project, except that inmates committed to the custody of the sheriff for nonpayment of fines under Title 17-A, section 1711 must have their sentences prorated at the rate that is applicable to the individual inmate pursuant to Title 17-A, section 1711, subsection 4, paragraph A, subparagraph (1).

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 342

H.P. 860 - L.D. 1325

An Act to Create Clarity in the Laws Regarding Property Tax Abatement Appeals

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §844, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2001, c. 396, §18, is further amended to read:

1. Municipalities without board of assessment review. Except when the municipality or primary assessing area has adopted a board of assessment review, if the assessors or the municipal officers refuse to make the abatement asked for, the applicant may apply to the county commissioners within 60 days after notice of the decisions from which the appeal is being taken or within 60 days after the application is deemed to have been denied. The applicant may not apply to the county commissioners to appeal a decision of the assessors or the municipal officers with respect to nonresidential property or properties having an equalized municipal valuation of \$1,000,000 or greater, either separately or in the aggregate. The applicant must make such an appeal to the State Board of Property Tax Review pursuant to subsection 2. If the commissioners think that the applicant is over-assessed, the applicant is granted such reasonable abatement as the commissioners think proper. If the applicant has paid the tax, the applicant is reimbursed out of the municipal treasury, with costs in either case. If the applicant fails, the commissioners shall allow costs to the municipality, taxed as in a civil action in the Superior Court, and issue their warrant of distress against the applicant for collection of the amount due the municipality. The commissioners may require the assessors or municipal clerk to produce the valuation by which the assessment was made or a copy of it. Either party may appeal from the decision of the county commissioners to the Superior Court, in accordance with the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80B. If the county commissioners fail to give written notice of their