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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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section, "online sweepstakes game" has the same meaning as in Title 8, section 1351, subsection 6.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 646

H.P. 1368 - L.D. 2038

An Act to Require Maine Transmission and Distribution Utility Participation in a Regional Transmission Organization

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3133-B is enacted to read:

§3133-B. Mandatory participation in regional transmission organization

1. Regional transmission organization; definition. For the purposes of this section, "regional transmission organization" has the same meaning as in section 10102, subsection 8.

2. Participation mandatory. Except as provided in subsection 3, a transmission and distribution utility may not own or control a transmission and distribution plant located in the State unless the transmission and distribution utility participates in a regional transmission organization.

3. Exceptions. The provisions of this section do not apply to:

A. A consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility as defined in section 3501, subsection 1; or

B. A transmission and distribution utility that owns or controls a transmission and distribution plant located in an area of this State in which the retail electricity market is administered by the independent system administrator for northern Maine.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 647

H.P. 1375 - L.D. 2051

An Act to Ensure Access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in Maine

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3104-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. OO, §§1 and 2, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3104-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Food assistance. The department shall provide food assistance to households that would be eligible for assistance under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, 7 United States Code, Section 2011 et seq. but for having an immigration status that does not qualify for federal food assistance benefits as follows.

A. An individual who was receiving food assistance under former subsection 1 as of July 1, 2011 may continue to receive assistance, as long as the individual remains eligible without regard to interruptions in coverage or gaps in eligibility for service.

B. A noncitizen who was neither receiving assistance on July 1, 2011 nor had an application pending for assistance on July 1, 2011 who was later approved is not eligible for food assistance through a state-funded program unless that noncitizen has both a qualifying immigration status under subparagraph (1) and at least one of the qualifying conditions under subparagraph (2), as follows:

(1) The individual is lawfully present in the United States but does not have an immigration status that qualifies for federal food assistance benefits and is not lawfully present solely as a temporary worker, student or tourist. Lawfully present individuals include:

(a) Qualified aliens under 8 United States Code, Section 1641;

(b) Lawful permanent residents who do not meet the special conditions for federal assistance under 8 United States Code, Section 1613;

(c) Asylees under Section 208 of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 United States Code, Section 1158;

(d) Individuals who have a pending application for asylum or withholding of removal with the Department of Homeland Security or the Department of Justice Immigration Court;

(e) Refugees under Section 207 of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 United States Code, Section 1157;

(f) Individuals with Temporary Protected Status;

(g) Individuals with Special Immigrant Juvenile Status; and