

L.D. 1379

(Filing No. S-292)

STATE OF MAINE SENATE 109TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 430, L.D. 1379, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to the Licensing of Auctioneers."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the Emergency preamble. Further amend the Bill in section 2 in that part designated in the first paragraph "§273."/by striking out all of the last 2 underlined sentences.

Further amend the Bill in section 2 in that part designated "<u>§273.</u>" by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

'The applicant shall furnish evidence of a surety bond payable to the Treasurer of State in the amount of \$10,000 issued by a surety company approved by the Bureau of Insurance and licensed to do business in the State of Maine.'

Further amend the Bill in section 2 in that part designated "\$275." by striking out all of subsection 3.

Further amend the Bill in section 2 in that part designated "<u>§283.</u>" by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Highest bidder acknowledged. Whether or not the highest bidder will be acknowledged by the auctioneer.'

Further amend the Bill in section 2 in that part designated "<u>§283.</u>" by striking out all of subsection 4 and inserting in its place the following:

4. Absentee bids. Whethe absentee bids will be allowed;

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Further amend the Bill in section 2 in that part designated "§283." by inserting after subsection 5 the following:

'6. Auctioneer or owner bidding. Whether or not the owner or auctioneer reserves the right to bid;

7. Reserve. Whether or not the auction has a reserve; and

8. Uniform Commercial Code. A statement that the Uniform Commercial Code, Title 11, section 2-328 applies to this auction sale.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of the Emergency clause.

Statement of Fact

This amendment eliminates letters of recommendation from auctioneers and evidence of attendance at auctioneer's school but retains evidence of sound ethical business practice. The other additions will provide necessary protection and information to the public on the conditions of an auction.

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