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ACTS, RESOLVES AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Sixth Legislature

OF THE

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Attorney General, the municipality or the appropriate municipal officers may institute proceedings to enjoin the violation of this section.

Sec. 7. R. S., T. 30, § 4956, sub-§ 5, additional. Section 4956 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 454 of the public laws of 1971, is amended by adding a new subsection 5, to read as follows:

5. Exemptions. This section shall not apply to proposed subdivisions approved by the planning board or the municipal officials prior to September 23, 1971 in accordance with laws then in effect nor shall they apply to subdivisions as defined by this section in actual existence on September 23, 1971 that did not require approval under prior law. The division of a tract or parcel by sale, gift, inheritance, lease or order of court into 3 or more lots and upon which lots permanent dwelling structures legally existed prior to September 23, 1971 is not a subdivision.

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 466

AN ACT Relating to Liability for Physical Harm to Users, Consumers or Bystanders from Defective Goods or Products.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 14, c. 10, additional. Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 10 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 10

LIABILITY

§ 221. Defective or unreasonably dangerous goods

One who sells any goods or products in a defective condition unreasonably dangerous to the user or consumer or to his property is subject to liability for physical harm thereby caused to a person whom the manufacturer, seller or supplier might reasonably have expected to use, consume or be affected by the goods, or to his property, if the seller is engaged in the business of selling such a product and it is expected to and does reach the user or consumer without significant change in the condition in which it is sold. This section applies although the seller has exercised all possible care in the preparation and sale of his product and the user or consumer has not bought the product from or entered into any contractual relation with the seller.

Sec. 2. Application. This Act shall not be construed to affect any cause of action arising prior to the effective date of this Act.

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