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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
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PUBLIC LAWS
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CHAPTER 1

AN ACT to Clarify Motor Vehicle Finance Charges in the Maine Consumer Credit Code.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the provisions on motor vehicle financing rates in the Maine Consumer Credit Code were drafted in terms subject to an interpretation different from what the Legislature intended with regard to interest rates; and

Whereas, such an interpretation would have a serious and harmful effect on consumers and businessmen of the State of Maine; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

9-A MRSA, § 2.201, sub-§ 9, ¶¶ A, B and C, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 762, § 1, are amended to read:

A. On any new motor vehicle designated by the manufacturer by a year model not earlier than the year in which the sale is made, ~~\$7 per \$100~~ 13% per year on the unpaid balances of the amount financed;

B. On any new motor vehicle not included in paragraph A and on any used motor vehicle designated by the manufacturer by a year model of the same or not more than 3 years prior to the year in which the sale is made, ~~\$11 per \$100~~ 20% per year on the unpaid balances of the amount financed; or

C. On any used motor vehicle not included in paragraph B, ~~\$13 per \$100~~ 23.5% per year on the unpaid balances of the amount financed.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective January 1, 1975

CHAPTER 2

AN ACT to Prevent the Department of Transportation from Confiscating or Appropriating Private Water Supply Equipment in Certain Situations.

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

23 MRSA, § 652, sub-§ 2, ¶ D, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 593, § 22, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

The Department of Transportation shall not condition installation or replacement on the owner giving possession or title of any privately owned piping, tanks, pumps, heating systems or other related fixtures on his land to any agency of this State, unless agreed to by the property owner.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 3

AN ACT Relating to Deer Doing Damage to Blueberry Lands.

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

12 MRSA, § 2354, sub-§ 1, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 562, § 9-A, is further amended to read:

The cultivator, owner, mortgagee or keeper of any orchard or growing crop, except grass, clover and grain fields and blueberry lands, or the owner or