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date by consanguinity, or affinity, within the 4th degree. The State Personnel Rules shall insure that this section will not deprive any applicant or employee of full consideration for hiring or promotion.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 83

AN ACT to Protect Physicians Engaged in Peer Review.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 2596, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 374, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 2596. Osteopathic review committees

Any physician licensed under this chapter shall not be liable for civil damages as the result of his acts, omissions or decisions in connection with his duties as a member of a utilization review committee or as a member of a peer review committee which is a requirement of accreditation by the American Osteopathic Association or is established and functions under the auspices of the physician's respective state or county professional society or the Board of Osteopathic Examinations and Registration.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 3293, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 591, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 3293. Review committees

Any physician licensed under this chapter shall not be liable for civil damages as a result of his acts, omissions or decisions in connection with his duties on a utilization review committee, medical review committee, surgical review committee, peer review committee or disciplinary committee which is a requirement of accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals or is established and operated under the auspices of the physician's respective state or county professional society or the Board of Registration in Medicine.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 84

AN ACT Relating to Use of Studded Tires on Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 1375 is enacted to read:

§ 1375. Studded tires

It shall be unlawful to operate a motor vehicle or combination of vehicles, except for fire department vehicles, with tires having any metal studs, wires

or spikes protruding from the tire tread or any other metal protuberance from the tire tread upon any public highway during the period from the first day of May to the first day of October. The Department of Transportation may extend the lawful use of studded tires. Notice of such extension shall be as determined by the Commissioner of Transportation.

The Commissioner of Transportation may, in special cases, grant permits, covering stated periods of time and upon proper application in writing, to permit the use of studded tires other than during the period of lawful use. The fee for such permits shall be not less than \$3, nor more than \$15, to be determined by the commissioner. The permit shall always be carried on the person of the operator or occupant, or in some easily accessible place in or about the vehicle therein described.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 1702, first ¶, next to last sentence, as amended by PL 1967, c. 245, § 23, is further amended to read:

This section shall not be construed to prohibit the use of tire chains ~~or studded tires~~ of reasonable proportions on vehicles when required for safety because of snow, ice or other conditions tending to cause such vehicle to slide or skid.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 85

AN ACT Relating to Change in Location or Status Concerning Vehicle Registrations.

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

29 MRSA § 259 is enacted to read:

§ 259. Change of location or status; motor vehicle

Whenever any person, firm or corporation, after applying for and receiving a registration for any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, shall move from the address named in such application or in the registration issued, or when the name of the holder of such registration is changed by marriage or otherwise, such person, firm or corporation shall within 30 days thereafter notify the Secretary of State, in writing, of the old and new address or of such former and new names and of the number of registrations then held by such person, firm or corporation.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 86

AN ACT Relating to the Sale of Vinous Liquors in Original Containers.

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

28 MRSA § 806 is amended to read: