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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 of 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:

§ 806. —sales in containers forbidden

No club shall be permitted to sell spirituous or vineus liquors in the original container.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 87

AN ACT to Provide for Renewal of Notary Public and Justice of the Peace Commissions.

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

Whereas, at the present time there is no provision under Maine law for the renewal of notary public or justice of the peace commissions; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to provide a method of renewing such appointments as authorized by Constitutional Resolution, chapter 4 of 1973; 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:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 6, 2nd ¶ enacted to read:

All persons renewing a commission as a notary public or justice of the peace must requalify within 30 days after issuance of said renewal in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 82 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 82. Renewal of commissions; notification of appointment

The Secretary of State shall have the authority to renew commissions of notaries public and justices of the peace and to promulgate rules and regulations relating to their issuance. The Secretary of State shall provide written notice of the expiration of their commissions to notaries public and justices of the peace 30 days prior to the expiration date. Failure to receive such notice shall not affect the expiration date of a commission.

The Secretary of State, upon receiving evidence of the qualification of any justice of the peace or notary public, shall immediately notify the register of probate and the clerk of the judicial courts of the county where such officer resides of his appointment and qualification.