

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE  
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PUBLIC LAWS  
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## CHAPTER 98

### AN ACT Authorizing the Bureau of Forestry to Provide Funds to the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes to Procure Shade Trees.

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

12 MRSA c. 213, sub-c. VI, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 460, § 18, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

#### SUBCHAPTER VI

#### SHADE TREE PLANTING AND GENERAL CARE

##### § 1131. Purpose

To promote aesthetic and environmental values of trees to communities and to restore those values lost through death of trees from insect and disease depredation, soil depletion, adverse growth factors and old age, the State Entomologist and his agents under the supervision of the Director of the Bureau of Forestry may enter into agreement with municipal officials and Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribal governments to pay, so far as funds are available, up to 50% of the costs of procuring young tree-planting stock and planting and general care of public shade trees. Whenever the State does contribute funds for this purpose, it shall have the authority to establish requirements for a municipal tree care program and requirements and procedures relative to selecting, planting and care of such trees. This program is not intended to extend beyond village or community limits, except for municipal parks or cemeteries.

Effective October 1, 1975

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## CHAPTER 99

### AN ACT Relating to Issuance of Motor Vehicle Registrations by Municipal Officials.

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

29 MRSA § 52-A is enacted to read:

##### § 52-A. Municipal officials as agents

With the approval of the municipal officers of a municipality, the Secretary of State may appoint municipal tax collectors, or such other persons as a municipality may designate to collect excise taxes on vehicles, as agents to receive applications for the renewal of registrations for the operation of automobiles and motor trucks not exceeding 6,000 pounds gross weight, provided such vehicles are not for hire. The appointment of any such agent shall continue while the agent shall hold such office or employment, unless the body which approved the appointment requests that it be revoked. Appointments may be revoked for cause by the Secretary of State.

Such agents shall charge any applicant \$1 over and above the required registration fee for each registration issued, said \$1 to be retained by the municipality.

The Secretary of State may at his discretion authorize municipalities to issue commercial registrations in excess of 6,000 pounds as provided in this section.

Effective October 1, 1975

## CHAPTER 100

### AN ACT Relating to Possession of Intoxicating Liquor by Persons under 18 Years of Age in On-sale Premises.

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

28 MRSA § 303, 3rd paragraph, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 598, § 59, is further amended to read:

Any person under the age of 18 years who purchases any intoxicating liquor or any person under the age of 18 years who consumes any intoxicating liquor or has on his or her person any intoxicating liquor in any on-sale premises, or who presents or offers to any licensee, his agent or employee any written or oral evidence of age which is false, fraudulent or not actually his own, for the purpose of ordering, purchasing, attempting to purchase or otherwise procuring or attempting to procure, the serving of any intoxicating liquor, or who has any intoxicating liquor in his possession except in the scope of his or her employment on any street or highway, or in any public place or in any automobile, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 for the first offense, not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for the 2nd offense and \$100 for the 3rd and subsequent offenses.

Effective October 1, 1975

## CHAPTER 101

### AN ACT to Provide for Reciprocity in Permits and Fees Issued on Motor Vehicles for Hire under the Public Utilities Law.

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

Whereas, other jurisdictions may impose certain restrictions in the form of fees and permits upon Maine truckers hauling forest products to mills in those jurisdictions; and

Whereas, the amount of those fees and the waiting period for obtaining such permits may be discriminatorily imposed without consistency; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to provide for reciprocity under the law of this State; and