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STATE OF MAINE
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PUBLIC LAWS
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CHAPTER 173

AN ACT Relating to Single Payment Loans under 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 Consumer Credit Code, as enacted, would unintentionally and unnecessarily restrict accommodation or single-payment loans which are arm's length transaction; 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. 9-A MRSA § 2-308, sub-§ 1, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 762, § 1, is amended to read:

Supervised loans, not made pursuant to open-end credit and in which the amount financed is \$1,000 or less **and the principal of which is payable in more than a single payment**, shall be scheduled to be payable in substantially equal installments at equal periodic intervals except to the extent that the schedule of payments is adjusted to the seasonal or irregular income of the debtor; and

Sec. 2. 9-A MRSA § 2-504, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 762, § 1, is amended by adding after the first sentence a new sentence to read:

This section shall not apply to consumer loans in which the principal thereof is payable in a single payment on demand or at a specified time and the finance charge, calculated according to the actuarial method, does not exceed 12¼% per year.

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

Effective April 24, 1975

CHAPTER 174

AN ACT to Repeal References to Dairy and Farm Products of Institutions within the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

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

34 MRSA § 7, first ¶ is amended to read:

The department shall establish such rules and regulations not inconsistent with law as it may deem expedient for the care and management and the custody and preservation of the property of all state institutions and for the

government and discipline of the various patients and inmates of the said institutions; and for the production and distribution of ~~farm, dairy and~~ industrial products of the said institutions.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 175

AN ACT to Eliminate the Position of Farm Supervisor of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

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

34 MRSA § 1, 4th ¶, as amended by PL 1967, c. 184, is repealed as follows:

~~The commissioner may appoint, subject to the Personnel Law, a departmental farm supervisor. The salary and the expenses incurred by the departmental farm supervisor shall be prorated among the accounts set up for the several institutional farms~~

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 176

AN ACT Relating to Sale of Stuffed Toys.

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

26 MRSA § 135 is enacted to read:

§ 135. Articles to be tagged

Each article covered by this subchapter shall bear a plainly visible tag or be contained in a bag or box upon which shall be indelibly stamped or printed, in English, the name of the manufacturer or vendor, a statement showing the kind of materials used in filling such article and with approximate percentages when mixed.

It shall be unlawful to use any false or misleading statement, term or designation on said tag or container or to remove, deface or alter, or to attempt to remove, deface or alter such tag or container or any statement thereon.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 177

AN ACT to Include Pellet Guns within the Definition of Firearm.

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

12 MRSA § 1901, sub-§ 4 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: