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STATE OF MAINE
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PUBLIC LAWS
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§ 822-A. Right of entry

The officers, agents and employees of the Department of Transportation shall have the right to enter in and upon property of any railroad corporation for the purpose of inspecting railroad-highway crossings and attendant facilities, including grade separation facilities.

Sec. 6. 35 MRSA § 1178 is amended to read:

§ 1178. Speed limit at highway grade crossings

The ~~Public Utilities Commission~~ Department of Transportation is authorized to fix a maximum speed limit at which trains may be run over any grade crossing of a highway or other way and, when such limit has been fixed by said ~~commission~~ Department of Transportation, no engine or train shall be run over such crossings at a greater speed than that fixed by the ~~commission~~ Department of Transportation and no way shall be unreasonably and negligently obstructed by engines, tenders or cars. Any railroad corporation forfeits not more than \$100 for every violation of this section.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 243

AN ACT to Expand the Right-to-Know Law to Cover the Boards of Trustees of the University of Maine and of the Maine Maritime Academy.

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

1 MRSA § 402, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 433, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 402. Public proceedings defined

The term "public proceedings" as used in this subchapter shall mean the transactions of any functions affecting any or all citizens of the State by any administrative or legislative body of the State, or of any of its counties or municipalities, or of any other political subdivision of the State or of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine or of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy, with which function it is charged under any statute or under any rule or regulation of such administrative or legislative body or agency.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 244

AN ACT Concerning the Powers of Officers of Religious Societies.

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

13 MRSA § 2982, 5th sentence is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Said corporations are authorized to take by gift, purchase, bequest, demise or otherwise, real and personal property for religious purposes, and may make such contracts in relation to such estate, its improvements, disposal, investment or reinvestment, as they may be authorized under the rules of their church or instructed by the church for which they hold estate in trust to make, which contracts may be enforced by or against them as in other cases.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 245

AN ACT Relating to Reciprocal and Apportioned Registration of Vehicles.

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

29 MRSA § 2243-A is enacted to read:

§ 2243-A. Reciprocal and apportioned registrations

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Title, the Secretary of State, in concurrence with the Commissioner of Transportation, is authorized to enter into reciprocal agreements or plans on behalf of the State of Maine with the appropriate authorities of any of the states of the United States, the District of Columbia or any state or province of any country providing for the registration of vehicles on any apportionment or allocation basis and may, in the exercise of this authority, enter into and become a member of the International Registration Plan.

The Secretary of State is further authorized to provide for the registration of a fleet of vehicles operated by a nonresident owner on an apportionment or allocation basis where such vehicles are regularly being operated between points without the State to points within the State.

For purposes of this section, a fleet shall mean one or more vehicles.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 246

AN ACT Relating to Motor Vehicle Inspection Mechanic Licenses.

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

29 MRSA § 2124, 5th ¶, as last amended by PL 1967, c. 494, § 23-A, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

An inspection mechanic's certificate shall be valid for a period of 5 years from date of issue. The holder of such a certificate may apply and be re-examined at any time during the final 6 months prior to its expiration. Persons holding certificates issued more than 5 years prior to the effective date of this Act shall have one calendar year to make application for renewal.