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PUBLIC LAWS
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CHAPTER 324

AN ACT Relating to Closing Costs under the Maine Consumer Credit Code.

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

Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA § 1-301, sub-§ 8, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 762, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

8. "Closing costs," provided they are bona fide, reasonable in amount and not for the purpose of circumvention or evasion of this Act, with respect to a debt secured by an interest in land include:

A. Fees or premiums for title examination, abstract of title, title insurance or similar purposes and for required related property surveys;

B. Fees for preparation of deeds, settlement statements or other documents;

C. Amounts required to be placed or paid into an escrow or trustee account for future payments of taxes, insurance and water, sewer and land rents;

D. Fees for notarizing deeds and other documents;

E. Appraisal fees; and

F. Credit reports.

Sec. 2. 9-A MRSA § 1-301, sub-§ 19, ¶ B, sub-¶ (iii) is enacted to read:

(iii) "closing costs" as defined in subsection 8.

Sec. 3. 9-A MRSA § 2-501, sub-§ 1, ¶ D is enacted to read:

D. "Closing costs" as defined in section 1-301, subsection 8.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 325

AN ACT Relating to Regional Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Service.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 413, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 436, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 413. Authority to operate a regional solid waste collection and disposal service

1. Authorization. The county commissioners of each county are empowered to operate a solid waste collection and disposal system or contract for solid waste collection and disposal services to serve their respective counties.

The county commissioners may contract with municipalities, unorganized townships, other governmental agencies, including regional refuse disposal districts and private enterprises for the financing, implementation and operation of collection and disposal services.

2. Towns and others served. A county solid waste collection and disposal system or service may serve municipalities, unorganized townships and other public and private producers of solid waste. Municipalities, unorganized territories and other public and private producers shall not be required by the county to join or be served by such system or service. Such system or service may serve municipalities, unorganized townships and other public or private producers of solid waste in an adjoining county with the approval of the county commissioners of that county.

3. Fees. Each municipality, unorganized territory and each public or private producer of solid waste utilizing the solid waste collection and disposal system or service offered by the county shall be assessed for the cost thereof. These costs shall be prorated equitably among those served. In determining such costs, consideration shall be given, but not limited to, the nature and quantity of solid waste collected and disposed of.

The amount of assessments shall be determined annually by the county commissioners. In the case of municipalities, the county commissioners shall include the amount of such assessments in their warrants to municipal assessors of the municipalities served, issued under section 254. In the case of unorganized townships, the county commissioners shall certify the amount of such assessments for each township served to the State Tax Assessor not later than April 1st each year and said amounts are appropriated from the General Fund to be credited annually in the books of the State to the proper fiscal officer of each county as provided in Title 36, section 342.

4. Personnel. County commissioners shall not employ additional personnel solely for administrative and clerical purposes related to solid waste collection and disposal systems or services.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §§ 414 and 415, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 436, are repealed.

Sec. 3. 30 MRSA §§ 417 and 418, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 577, are repealed.

Sec. 4. 30 MRSA §§ 421 to 423, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 703, are repealed.

Sec. 5. 38 MRSA § 1558, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 371, is amended to read:

4. To contract with persons, corporations, districts, counties and other municipalities, both inside and outside the boundaries of the district, and with the State of Maine, United States Government and any agency of either to provide for collection and disposal of any kind of solid waste; and every other district and municipality or county of the State of Maine not a participant or member of such district is authorized to contract with such district for the collection and disposal of solid waste, and for said purpose any such municipality, county or district may raise money as for other municipal charges;

Sec. 6. 38 MRSA § 1558, sub-§ 13, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 371, is amended to read:

13. To enter into contracts for refuse disposal with persons, nonmember municipalities and counties, as well as other bodies politic, and the United States of America.

Sec. 7. P & SL 1973, c. 169 is repealed.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 326

AN ACT Relating to the Valuation of Farmland.

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

36 MRSA § 586, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 548, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentences:

Gross income as used in this section includes the value of commodities produced for consumption by the farm household. Any applicant for such a tax exemption bears the burden of proof as to his or her qualification.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 327

AN ACT Relating to License Requirements and Fees for Trapping.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 2402, 1st ¶, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 231, § 9, is amended to read:

Any resident who traps for any wild animal shall annually procure a license therefor from the commissioner ~~paying therefor \$10~~. The annual fee for such trapping ~~within the limits of municipalities shall be \$5~~ license shall be \$10.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 2402, 2nd ¶, 1st sentence, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 231, § 9, is repealed.

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