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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Seventh Legislature

1975

CHAPTER 400

AN ACT Relating to Public Utilities Commission Jurisdiction over Certain Contracts.

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

35 MRSA § 104 is amended to read:

§ 104. Contracts and loans with stockholders

No public utility doing business in this State shall extend credit or make loans to or make any contract or arrangement, providing for the furnishing of management, supervision of construction, engineering, accounting, legal, financial or similar services, or for the furnishing of any service other than those enumerated, with any corporation, person or persons, partnership or trust, holding, controlling or owning in excess of 25% of the voting capital stock of such public utility, or with any other corporation which is itself owned or controlled by or affiliated with any corporation, person or persons, partnership or trust, holding, controlling or owning a majority 25% of the voting capital stock of such public utility, unless and until such contract or arrangement shall have been found by the commission not to be adverse to the public interest and shall have received their written approval. The commission shall in the case of any utility have the power to exempt herefrom, from time to time, such classes of transactions as it may specify in writing in advance and which in its judgment will not affect the public interest.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 401

AN ACT to Amend the Fishing Laws of the State of Maine.

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

- Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 2552, sub-§ 1, as last amended by PL 1967, c. 404, § 31, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:
- 1. All fish in lakes and ponds. The open season for all fish in waters or portions of waters naturally free of ice in lakes and ponds shall be from April 1st to September 30th.
 - Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 2552, sub-§ 2 is repealed.
- Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 2552, sub-§ 3, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 403, § 34, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

- 3. All fish in rivers. There shall be an open season for all fish in all the rivers above tidewater in waters free of ice from April 1st to September 15th, except in Aroostook County the open season shall be from May 1st to September 15th.
- Sec. 4. 12 MRSA § 2552, sub-§ 4, as last amended by PL 1967, c. 404, § 31, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:
- 4. All fish in brooks and streams. There shall be an open season for all fish in brooks and streams in waters free of ice from April 1st to August 15th, except in Aroostook County the open season shall be from May 1st to September 15th.
 - Sec. 5. 12 MRSA § 2552, sub-§ 6, is amended to read:
- 6. Black bass. In any waters where the bag limit on black bass has been removed by rule and regulation of the commissioner, the season on black bass and the method of fishing for them black bass shall be the same as for trout and salmon.
- Sec. 6. 12 MRSA § 2553, sub-§ 2, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 169, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:
- 2. Trout. A brook trout less than 6 inches in length, a brown trout or rainbow trout less than 12 inches in length, except that there shall be no length limit for brook trout, brown trout or rainbow trout taken from brooks and streams;

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 402

AN ACT to Increase Certain Volume Fees under the Maine Consumer Credit Code.

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

Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA § 6-203, sub-§ 2, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 762, § 1, is amended to read:

Persons required to file notification who are sellers, lessors or lenders shall pay an additional fee, at the time and in the manner stated in subsection 1, of \$10 \$15 for each \$100,000, or part thereof, in excess of \$100,000, of the original unpaid balances arising from consumer credit transactions entered into in this State within the preceding calendar year and held either by the seller, lessor or lender for more than 30 days after the inception of the sale, lease or loan giving rise to the obligations, or by an assignee who has not filed notification.

- Sec. 2. 9-A MRSA § 6-203, sub-§ 3, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 762, § 1, is amended to read:
- 3. Persons required to file notification who are assignees shall pay an additional fee, at the time and in the manner stated in subsection 1, of \$10