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PUBLIC LAWS
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CHAPTER 416

AN ACT Relating to Roads and Ways.

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

33 MRSA § 460, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 505, is amended to read:

§ 460. Conveyance of land abutting a road or way

A conveyance of land which abuts a town or private way, county road or highway shall be deemed to convey all of the grantor's interest in the portion of such road or way which abuts said land, **except an easement of access necessary to provide ingress and egress to property adjoining such town or private way, county road or highway which shall be preserved**, unless the grantor shall expressly reserve his title to such road or way by a specific reference thereto contained in said conveyance.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 417

AN ACT to Establish Legislative Control over Licensing Standards for Ambulance Services and Personnel.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 73, sub-§ 5, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 544, § 113, is amended to read:

5. **Duties.** The board shall advise the Commissioner of Health and Welfare on: Standards and procedures for the licensing of the operation of ambulance services, requirements for the training, experience and qualifications of ambulance personnel and procedures for the licensing of such personnel, standards and procedures for the licensing of ambulance vehicles, and standards and procedures for the issuance, revocation and suspension of licenses and for the investigation of complaints filed with the Department of Health and Welfare and establishment of licensure fees, **except that no licensure fees shall be established for ambulance personnel.** In advising on and setting said standards the board and commissioner shall, among other factors, take into consideration the various economic conditions existing in the diverse areas of the State of Maine and **the fact that many ambulance services in rural areas rely wholly on volunteers to carry out their purposes.**

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 73, sub-§ 6, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 544, § 113, is amended by adding after the first sentence the following:

Prior to the promulgation of or any change in such rules and regulations, the department shall hold a public hearing of which at least 7 days' notice has been given in the appropriate newspapers throughout the State. Any rules and regulations may be adopted only after a public review period of 60 days following the public hearing.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA § 73, sub-§ 7 is enacted to read:

7. **Limitation.** Successful completion of an emergency medical training course shall not be required as a condition for licensure of volunteer ambu-

lance personnel in any municipality with a population of less than 10,000 persons unless the department finds, after a public hearing in the municipality in which the ambulance service is located, that both of the following conditions have been satisfied:

- A. A course in emergency medical training has been offered within 10 miles of the municipality during the 3 years preceding the public hearing;
- B. Local or state authorities have made adequate arrangements to provide for at least $\frac{2}{3}$ of the costs of this course.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 418

AN ACT Providing for the Observance of Memorial Day on May 30th.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 1051, first sentence, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 788, § 9, is amended to read:

No court shall be held on Sunday or any day designated for the annual Thanksgiving; or for the choice of Presidential Electors; New Year's Day, January 1st; Washington's Birthday, the 3rd Monday in February; Patriot's Day, the 3rd Monday in April; Memorial Day, the ~~last Monday in~~ 30th of May; the 4th of July; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; the day of the state-wide primary election; the day of the state election; the day of any special state-wide election; Columbus Day, the 2nd Monday in October; Veterans Day, November 11th; or on Christmas Day; and when the time fixed for a term of court falls on any of said days, it shall stand adjourned until the next day, which shall be deemed the first day of the term for all purposes.

Sec. 2. 9 MRSA § 131, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 585, § 11, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Any day of public thanksgiving, mourning or disaster, proclaimed or appointed by the Governor or by the President of the United States; the first day of January; Washington's Birthday, the 3rd Monday in February; Patriot's Day, the 3rd Monday in April; Memorial Day, the 30th of May; the 4th of July; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; Columbus Day, the 2nd Monday in October; Veterans Day, November 11th; and the 25th day of December are declared to be bank holidays.

Sec. 3. 17 MRSA § 3204, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 114, § 4, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

No person, firm or corporation shall, on the Lord's Day; Memorial Day, the 30th of May; July 4th; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; Veterans Day, November 11th; Christmas Day and Thanksgiving Day as proclaimed by the Governor, keep open a place of business to the public except for works of necessity, emergency or charity.

Sec. 4. 20 MRSA § 801, first sentence, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 788, § 74, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: