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PUBLIC LAWS
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§ 1765. Trade-in credit for vehicles and boats

When one or more motor vehicles, boats or farm tractors are traded in toward the sale price of another motor vehicle, boat or farm tractor, the tax imposed by chapters 211 to 225 shall be levied only upon the difference between the sale price of the purchased motor vehicle, boat or farm tractor and the sale price of the motor vehicle or vehicles or boat or boats or farm tractor or tractors taken in trade, except for transactions between dealers involving exchange of farm tractors, boats or motor vehicles from inventory.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 529

AN ACT to Provide for the Transcription of Testimony Taken in the Investigation of Consumer Complaints in Order to Protect Constitutional Rights.

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

5 MRSA § 211, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 648, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

At the request of the person under investigation or his attorney, any testimony taken pursuant to a demand or notice hereunder shall be taken before a court reporter authorized to serve as such under the laws of the State or recorded on a recording device. Upon request of either party, all such testimony so taken or recorded shall be transcribed by a court reporter so authorized, and in that case the original transcript thereof shall be preserved by the Attorney General. The cost of said taking or recording and transcription shall be borne by the State. In the event the Attorney General or some other party obtains judgment against the party whose testimony is so taken for a violation of section 207, the cost of said court reporter or recording and transcription shall be recovered by the State in such judgment.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 530

AN ACT Amending the Powers and Duties of the Maine Committee on Aging to Include the Inspection of Nursing Homes.

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

22 MRSA § 5112, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 793, section 11, is amended by adding at the end the following blocked paragraph:

In order to serve as advocate and ombudsman for older people, the committee shall have the power to enter onto the premises of any residential facility licensed according to sections 5 and 1817 in order to investigate complaints

concerning such facilities. The committee may authorize up to 25 persons, including committee members, staff of the committee and other citizens, to carry out this function of the committee. Appropriate identification shall be issued to all such persons. The committee shall renew such authorization and reissue identification annually. The findings of the committee shall be available to the public upon request.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 531

AN ACT to Clarify the Laws Relating to Municipalities.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 753, as amended by PL 1971, c. 105, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

This section as it relates to Oxford County shall be limited to such acquisition as shall have been actually acquired prior to the effective date of this Act and no further land in Oxford County shall be acquired after such date, unless such acquisition is approved by the voters of the municipality in which such land, in whole or in part, is located.

Sec. 1-A. 30 MRSA § 1901, sub-§ 7, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

7. Municipal officers. "Municipal officers" means the mayor and aldermen or councillors of a city, the selectmen or councillors of a town and the assessors of a plantation.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 2752, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1965, c. 243, § 6, is further amended to read:

At such meeting they may license under their hands as many persons of good moral character, and under such restrictions and regulations as they deem necessary, to be innkeepers, victualers and tavernkeepers in said town, until the last day ~~succeeding the first Monday~~ in May of the next year, in such house or other building as the license specifies.

Sec. 3. 30 MRSA § 3772, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 680, § 5, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentences:

A municipality may establish administrative areas of the municipality for firefighting and fire protection purposes, to be served by one fire department or volunteer fire association, which shall be called "fire protection zones." Such fire protection zones shall be established by the vote of the municipal legislative body or by regulations adopted by the municipal officers if the municipal legislative body so provides.

Sec. 4. 30 MRSA § 4359, sub-§ 2 is amended to read:

2. Content of order and service. Such order shall be addressed to the owner of the premises, setting forth the date, the fact of the malfunctioning domestic sewage disposal unit and shall contain a notice to remedy the nui-