

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED BY THE  
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THE KNOWLTON AND MCLEARY COMPANY  
FARMINGTON, MAINE  
1975

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PUBLIC LAWS  
OF THE  
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license. The real estate broker shall, at the time of mailing such real estate salesman's license to the ~~commission~~ bureau, address a communication to the last known residence address of such real estate salesman, which communication shall advise such real estate salesman that his license has been delivered or mailed to the ~~commission~~ bureau. A copy of such communication to the real estate salesman shall accompany the license when mailed or delivered to the ~~commission~~ bureau. It shall be unlawful for any real estate salesman to perform any of the acts contemplated by this chapter, either directly or indirectly, under authority of said license from and after the date of receipt of said communication advising him that his license has been delivered or mailed to the ~~commission~~ bureau. Prompt notice in writing within 10 days shall be given to the ~~commission~~ bureau by any real estate salesman of a change of employer, and of the name of the new employer into whose service such salesman is about to enter or has entered, and a new license shall thereupon be issued by the ~~commission~~ bureau to such salesman for the unexpired term of the original license, provided such new employer shall be a duly licensed real estate broker. The salesman shall pay a transfer fee of ~~\$2~~ \$5 for such new license. Another license shall not be issued to such real estate salesman until he shall return his former pocket card to the ~~commission~~ bureau or shall satisfactorily account to it for the same. No more than one license shall be issued to any real estate salesman for the same period of time.

**Sec. 40.** ~~32~~ **MRSA § 4118-A**, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 312, § 5, is further amended to read:

Any member of a partnership or association or officer or director of a corporation licensed under this chapter who does not desire to do, or perform, any of the acts or services enumerated in section 4001, subsections 1, 3 and 4, and any registered broker or salesman who is a resident of Maine who desires to preserve his registration, during a period while not engaged as a broker or salesman, may surrender his license to the ~~commission~~ bureau which shall hold said license until such time as the licensee shall apply for reinstatement to active status.

**Sec. 41. Transitional provision.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10 of this Act, the present Chairman of the Maine Real Estate Commission shall serve as a member of the Board of Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen until May 20, 1976, and the Governor shall not appoint a member for a one-year term.

Effective October 1, 1975

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## CHAPTER 548

### AN ACT Relating to Termination of Utility Service.

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

**35 MRSA § 314** is enacted to read:

**§ 314. Termination of utility services**

The Public Utilities Commission shall adopt and promulgate reasonable regulations after hearing concerning the termination or disconnection of any residential customer's service by an electric, gas, water or telephone utility

of the State. These regulations shall apply generally to all such utilities within the commission's jurisdiction and shall provide for adequate written notice by such utility to the residential customer that his utility bill has not been paid, and a notice of his prospective termination or disconnection and his right, prior to disconnection, to enter into reasonable installment payment arrangements with such utility company; to settle any dispute concerning the proposed disconnection at an informal hearing with such utility company; and to appeal the results of such utility company's decision to the Public Utility Commission. The regulations shall also provide that there may be no termination or disconnection during a limited medical emergency and for a just and reasonable procedure regarding reconnections of utility service and deposit requirements.

Effective October 1, 1975

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## CHAPTER 549

AN ACT to Regulate the Distribution and Sale of Motor Fuels.

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

10 MRSA c. 215 is enacted to read:

### CHAPTER 215

#### MOTOR FUEL DISTRIBUTION AND SALES

##### § 1451. Short title

This chapter shall be known as the Motor Fuel Distribution and Sales Act.

##### § 1452. Legislative findings and purpose

The Legislature finds and declares that the distribution and retail sale of motor fuels at reasonable prices and in adequate supply throughout the State vitally affects the public health, welfare and safety, and that increased competition at all levels of the motor fuel market and maintenance within that market of a significant proportion of businesses independent of major marketers and refiners will promote reasonable prices and better assure supplies to all areas of the State. It is therefore necessary to define and regulate the relationship between parties to franchise agreements involving the sale or distribution of motor fuels in the State and to prescribe other trade practices.

##### § 1453. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words shall have the following meanings:

1. Automotive product. "Automotive product" shall mean any product sold or distributed by a retailer for use with a motor vehicle, whether or not such product is essential for the maintenance of the motor vehicle and whether or not such product is also used for non-automotive purposes;