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PUBLIC LAWS
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Whereas, immediate legislative action is therefore necessary to prevent this avoidance and to protect the state's finances; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 28 MRSA § 451, first ¶, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 268, § 2, is amended to read:

Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the commission, with the approval of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, may reduce the price of liquor in one store and establish at that store the price to which the 10% discount in section 204 shall be applicable. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 204, no person, partnership or corporation shall purchase liquor from this established store for resale.

Sec. 2. PL 1975, c. 586, is repealed.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when signed by the Governor, except for section 2 which shall become effective 91 days after adjournment of the Legislature.

Effective June 27, 1975. unless otherwise indicated

CHAPTER 597

AN ACT to Guarantee to all State Employees the Right to Participate in the Nonpartisan Affairs of Municipalities.

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

5 MRSA § 14 is enacted to read:

§ 14. Participation in nonpartisan affairs

No officer or employee of this State shall directly or indirectly interfere with the participation of any employee of this State in the nonpartisan affairs of any municipality or other political subdivision of this State provided that no conflict of interest results.

For the purpose of this section, a "conflict of interest" shall mean a situation in which an employee's participation in the affairs of a municipality results in financial gain to him or members of his family other than any regular compensation paid to him as an officer of that municipality.

Any officer or employee of the classified service of this State may make contributions to a political party, organization or candidate but shall not solicit any assessment, subscription or contribution from any person for any political purpose in connection with any election for federal, state or county office.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any employee of this State, whether or not in the classified service, from donating his or her own funds, or time, or services to a political cause provided such donation of time or services is not made during such employee's state working hours or upon the property or premises of the State or by using the facilities or services of the State.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 598

AN ACT to Establish Uniform Standards for the Measurement of Wood.

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 501, sub-c. II-A is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER II-A

MEASUREMENT OF WOOD

§ 2361. Definitions

1. "Wood," as used in this subchapter shall be defined as severed but unprocessed fibrous derivatives of trees.

2. "Weight scale," as used in this subchapter shall be defined as the relationship between the weight of a specified quantity of wood and the volume of that quantity of wood.

§ 2362. Measurement for wood

1. **Weight scale.** In all transactions in which the value of wood is determined by the relationship of the weight of the wood to the volume of the wood, that relationship of weight to volume shall be established in accordance with that standard or standards established in section 2363.

2. **Butt scale.** Butt scale may be used as a measurement in transactions involving the sale of wood by weight scale only to determine partial payment until the wood sold can be scaled pursuant to subsection 1.

§ 2363. Standards for weight scale

1. **Established by State Sealer of Weights and Measures.** The State Sealer of Weights and Measures shall, after a public hearing preceded by at least 2 weeks' notice in the state paper, establish standards for the weight scale required under section 2362, subsection 1. These standards shall include adjustments for the moisture content ratio. The State Sealer of Weights and Measures shall establish as many standards as he deems necessary to reflect the various factors influencing the weight of wood in the various regions of the State and the various species of trees which grow in the State. The Director of the Bureau of Forestry or his agent shall provide assistance to the State Sealer of Weights and Measures for the establishment of standards.