

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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## CHAPTER 688

### AN ACT to Require the Employment Service to Provide Services to High School Students.

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

26 MRSA § 1083, sub-§ 3 is enacted to read:

3. Services to students. The commissioner shall include in each annual plan of service a program for service to students in Maine public secondary schools. Such plan shall give priority of service to all public high school students, particularly those who do not have definite post-graduation plans for employment or further education. The service may provide to such students testing where appropriate, counseling concerning their ability and the availability of jobs, and any other services of the Employment Service which will assist them to obtain and retain suitable employment or further education, including services of the Job Bank.

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring the commissioner to submit an annual plan of service which would be out of compliance with Federal statutes or regulations governing this plan, or the programs or budgets conducted thereunder.

Effective July 29, 1976

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## CHAPTER 689

### AN ACT Relating to the Refund on Certain Unused Semitrailer Registrations.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, there are presently numerous situations in which semitrailer license plates and registrations have been returned to the Secretary of State and it is clear that these plates and registrations are unused; and

Whereas, the Secretary of State is presently authorized by statute to refund the full fee paid for the registration of all motor vehicles except semitrailers, if he is satisfied that such registrations and license plates are unused; and

Whereas, because of the aforesaid absence of statutory authority, the Secretary of State is unable to give such refunds on unused semitrailer registrations, which has created an inequitable situation that results in a discrimination against the owners of semitrailers which could result in the ultimate loss of semitrailer registrations to other states and an attendant loss of revenue to the State of Maine; 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 public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

29 MRSA § 245-A, 1st ¶, last sentence, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 589, § 12, is further amended to read:

The fee for such plate shall be \$10 for each registration year, or portion thereof, for the number of years of valid use from the year of issue to the end of the semipermanent plate program; and there shall be no refund of payment of such fee, except that when such a plate is returned with an affidavit that the plate has never been used and the Secretary of State is satisfied that the plate has never been used, the pro rata amount, based upon the remaining years of validity at the time of surrender of plate and registration certificate, shall be refunded.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective March 30, 1976

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## CHAPTER 690

### AN ACT Relating to the Priority of Attorneys' Liens in Regard to Allegedly Stolen Property.

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

14 MRSA § 2602-A is enacted to read:

§ 2602-A. Attorneys' liens; allegedly stolen property

In any civil action in which the plaintiff or plaintiffs seek the restoration of or compensation for money or other personal property allegedly taken by theft by the defendant or defendants and in which trustee process is used with regard to such money or other personal property, the claim of the plaintiff or plaintiffs shall have priority over an attorney's lien for services performed or to be performed for the defendant or defendants.

Effective July 29, 1976

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## CHAPTER 691

### AN ACT to Extend the Exemption for Sternmen on Lobster Fishing Boats from Coverage under the Employment Security and Workmen's Compensation Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA § 1043, sub-§ 11, ¶ F, sub-¶ (32), is enacted to read: