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The rate of interest shall be specified by vote of the county commissioners and a notification of this rate shall be included in the warrant to assessors required under Title 30, section 254. The rate of interest shall not exceed 1% per month or fraction thereof. The specified rate of interest shall apply to delinquent taxes committed during the taxable year until those taxes are paid in full, and the interest shall be added to and become part of the taxes.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 28

AN ACT Relating to School Age under the Education Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 859, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 212, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 859, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 746, § 12-B, is further amended by inserting after the 2nd paragraph the following:

Notwithstanding the age requirements of this section, a pupil who was enrolled in a public kindergarten or in grade 1 in another state may be admitted to kindergarten or to grade 1, respectively, in the administrative unit in which his parents or guardian establish their residency. Also, notwithstanding the age requirements of this section, a pupil who was enrolled in a public kindergarten in another state and was promoted to grade 1 may be admitted to grade 1 in the administrative unit in which his parents or guardian establish their residency.

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 859, 4th ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 746, § 12-B, is repealed.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 29

AN ACT Concerning a Limitation for Imposing a Penalty for Violations of the Public Utility Regulatory Law.

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

35 MRSA § 360 is enacted to read:

§ 360. Limitation on imposing penalty

Any action which may result in the imposition of a civil or criminal penalty pursuant to this chapter shall be commenced within 5 years after the cause of action accrues and not afterwards.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 30

AN ACT to Clarify the Laws Governing Vehicles Overtaking and Passing.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 1151 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1151. Overtaking a vehicle on the left

The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle unless otherwise permitted by this Title.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 1151-A is enacted to read:

§ 1151-A. When overtaking on the right is permitted

The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass upon the right of another vehicle only under the following conditions:

1. Left turn imminent. When the vehicle overtaken is making or about to make a left turn;

2. Two or more lines of vehicles in same direction. Upon a street or highway with unobstructed pavement not occupied by parked vehicles of sufficient width for 2 or more lines of moving vehicles in each direction;

3. Certain restricted streets. Upon a one-way street, or upon any roadway on which traffic is restricted to one direction of movement, where the roadway is free from obstructions and of sufficient width for 2 or more lines of moving vehicles.

The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle upon the right only under conditions permitting that movement in safety. In no event shall that movement be made by driving off the pavement or main-traveled portion of the roadway.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 1151-B is enacted to read:

§ 1151-B. Audible signal on passing