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If any tax, other than property tax, assessed and deemed final under this Title remains unpaid in an amount exceeding \$1,000 for a period greater than 60 days after the taxpayer has received notice of such finality and the taxpayer refuses to cooperate with the bureau in establishing and remaining in compliance with a reasonable plan for liquidating the liability, the State Tax Assessor shall certify such liability and lack of cooperation to the Secretary of State, who shall construe the liability and lack of cooperation to be a ground for denying, suspending or revoking the taxpayer's motor vehicle dealer license in accordance with Title 29, section 349.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 136

AN ACT Amending the Law Relating to Load Binding.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 1701, 2nd sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 195, is further amended to read:

In those cases in which firewood, pulpwood or bolts ~~is~~ are piled in tiers from the front to rear of the body of a vehicle, a strip of wood or metal 3 inches thick shall extend along the sides of the platform, from front to rear, securely fastened to the platform of the vehicle in order that the load shall pitch to the center of said vehicle, except that such vehicles may substitute for this 3-inch strip, 2 ~~chain~~ chains, wire rope, ~~or~~ steel cable binders or web straps, or any combination thereof.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 1701, 3rd sentence is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Such chains, wire ropes, steel cables or web straps shall meet the specifications set forth in section 1751 and shall be held firmly in place and properly spaced to secure the load.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 1751, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 455, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1751. Binding of logs

No vehicle while being used to transport a load of long logs, the height of which load is greater than 8 feet, shall be operated over any way or bridge unless such load on each such unit is bound by 3 chains and binders or 3 wire ropes or 3 steel cables, or 3 polyester or nylon web straps, or any combination thereof. If the height of such load is less than 8 feet and more than 30 inches, such load shall be bound by 2 chains and binders or 2 wire ropes or 2 steel cables, or 2 polyester or nylon straps, or any combination thereof. These chains, wire ropes or steel cables shall be made of not less than $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch

wire, and the web straps shall have a working strength of not less than 12,000 pounds each. A loss of 25% or more of the width or 25% of the thickness across $\frac{1}{2}$ the width at any point shall render such web straps as insufficient. These chains and binders, wire ropes, steel cables or web straps shall be held firmly in place and properly spaced to secure the load.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 137

AN ACT to Require Minimum Standards for Automotive Fire Apparatus.

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

30 MRSA § 3778 is enacted to read:

§ 3778. **Automotive fire apparatus**

All new automotive fire apparatus purchased after the effective date of this Act, by municipal fire departments or volunteer fire associations with public moneys, shall be constructed and equipped in conformance with the standards set forth in the edition of National Fire Protection, Pamphlet #1901, Standards for Automotive Fire Apparatus, which is in effect on the date of the purchase agreement.

A municipality or volunteer fire association which receives delivery of automotive fire apparatus not in conformance with these standards may, in addition to its other remedies, recover in a civil action a penalty from the seller in an amount equal to 10% of the purchase price of the apparatus.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 138

AN ACT to Transfer Regulations Regarding the Security of Certain Parks, Grounds, Buildings and Appurtenances Maintained by the State from the Department of Finance and Administration to the Department of Public Safety.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 1742-A, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 622, § 17-B, is repealed.