

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED BY THE

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~~For the breach of their bylaws they may impose penalties not exceeding \$30 for each offense; may purchase and hold real estate necessary for their purpose not exceeding \$30,000 in value; and with~~ With the written consent of the municipal officers they, or any person, may dig up or open any road for the purpose of laying their pipes or repairing or extending their aqueduct; but not so as to prevent the convenient passage of teams, carriages and motor vehicles.

Effective October 24, 1977

## CHAPTER 235

### AN ACT Concerning a Standard Method of Tallying Ballots.

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

21 MRSA § 924, sub-§ 2 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Separated into lots. In counting the ballots, the election clerks shall separate them into distinct lots. Each of these lots shall consist of 100 ballots, except for one lot, which may have less than 100 ballots. They shall place with each lot a statement of the count in that lot and the names of the election clerks who made the count. They shall wrap the statement of the count around the outside of each lot of ballots.

Effective October 24, 1977

## CHAPTER 236

### AN ACT Concerning the Issue of Special Licenses by the Commissioner of Marine Resources.

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

12 MRSA § 3703-A, 1st ¶, as amended by PL 1973, c. 513, § 22, is further amended to read:

The Commissioner of Marine Resources, with the consent of the Marine Resources Advisory Council, is authorized to issue special licenses exempting

the holder from certain laws administered by the department as to the time, place, size, condition, amount and manner of taking fish or shellfish.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 237

### AN ACT to Exclude Sparklers from Prohibition against the Sale of Fireworks.

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

8 MRSA § 211, 1st ¶, as amended by PL 1967, c. 12, is further amended to read:

No person shall sell, or keep or offer for sale, or use, or explode or cause to explode any combustible or explosive composition or substance, or any combination of such compositions or substances, or any other article, which was prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation, including in the above terms blank cartridges or toy cannons in which explosives are used, the type of balloon which requires fire underneath to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, bombs, ~~sparklers~~ rockets, wheels, colored fires, fountains, mines, serpents, or other fireworks of like construction, or any fireworks containing any explosive or flammable compound, or any tablets or other device containing any explosive substance or flammable compound. The term "fireworks" as used in this chapter shall not include toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns or other devices in which paper caps or plastic caps containing 25/100ths grains or less of explosive compound are used, if they are so constructed that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion, or toy pistol paper caps or plastic caps which contain less than 20/100th grains of explosive mixture or sparklers that do not contain magnesium chlorates or perchlorates, the sale, possession and use of which shall be permitted at all times. This section shall not apply:

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 238

AN ACT to Exempt from the Sales Tax all Equipment and Supplies used to Diagnose or Treat Diabetes.