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CHAPTER 251

AN ACT to Amend and Repeal Certain Laws Relating to Agriculture.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA § 871 is repealed.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA § 1085 is amended to read:

§ 1085. Common carriers

This subchapter shall not apply to railroad companies, ~~steamboat companies~~ express companies or other common carriers of property coming under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Public Utilities Commission of this State, unless they knowingly violated such subchapter.

Sec 3. 7 MRSA § 3604 is repealed.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 252

AN ACT to Amend the Law Creating the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA § 1004, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 621, § 1, is amended to read:

Thereafter, the commission shall meet on the call of the Secretary of State or of the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate to perform the duties required of it or as specifically provided in this Act chapter.

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA § 1013, sub-§ 2, ¶ J, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 621, § 1, is amended to read:

J. The records of the commission and all information received by the commission acting under this subchapter in the course of its investigation and conduct of its affairs shall be confidential, except that Legislators' statements of sources of income, evidence or information disclosed at public hearings, the commission's findings of fact and its opinions and guidelines are public records.

Sec. 3. 1 MRSA § 1017, 1st ¶, 1st sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 621, § 1, is amended to read:

The statement of sources of income filed under this subchapter shall be on a form prescribed by the commission and prepared by the Secretary of State and shall be a matter of public record.

Sec. 4. 1 MRSA § 1018, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 621, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1018. Updating statement

A Legislator shall file an updating statement with the commission on a form prescribed by the commission and prepared by the Secretary of State. Such statement shall be filed within 30 days of addition, deletion or change to the information relating to the preceding year supplied under this subchapter.

Sec. 5. 1 MRSA § 1019, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 621, § 1, is amended to read:

If the commission determines that a Legislator has willfully failed to file a statement required by this subchapter or has willfully filed a false statement, the Legislator shall be presumed to have a conflict of interest on every question and shall be precluded or punished as provided in section 1015.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 253

AN ACT Relating to Membership on the Maine Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 7108, 3rd ¶, 4th sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 566, § 1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 7108, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 566, § 1, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

Appointments to the council shall be made so as to insure that at least 6 members shall be persons recovered from alcoholism, chronic intoxication, drug abuse or drug dependency, having evidenced a minimum of 3 years of sobriety or abstention from drug abuse.

Sec. 3. **Exception.** Nothing in sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall be construed as requiring replacement of members currently serving on the council upon the enactment of this Act, but this Act shall govern all appointments made subsequent to its enactment.

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