

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 2122, 3rd sentence is amended to read:

If, at the time of such inspection, the condition of said vehicle conforms in each and every respect as required by law and the rules and regulations governing inspection promulgated by the Chief of the State Police, an official inspection sticker as a certificate of inspection furnished by the Chief of the State Police shall be placed in the lower left-hand corner of the windshield or in the center of the windshield back of the rear mirror, as the owner or operator may prefer.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 2124, 1st ¶, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 68, § 1, is amended to read:

There shall be ~~an annual~~ a biennial application fee of ~~\$2~~ \$4 which shall be nonrefundable.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 2124, 9th ¶, 2nd sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 291, § 3, is further amended to read:

These shall be furnished by the office of the Chief of the State Police at ~~200~~ 25¢ each.

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA § 2124, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 246, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The transition to the biennial license shall be made in the following manner: The Commissioner of Public Safety shall devise a schedule by which  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the inspection stations shall be inspected and licensed in one year and the remaining inspection stations shall be inspected and licensed in the following year.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 269

### AN ACT Concerning the Taking of Black Bass.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 2552, sub-§ 1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 401, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. All fish in lakes and ponds. Except as provided in subsection 1-A, the open season for all fish in waters or portions of waters naturally free of ice in lakes and ponds shall be from April 1st to September 30th.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 2552, sub-§ 1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Black bass. There shall be an open season for black bass in waters free of ice in lakes, ponds, rivers above tidewater, brooks and streams from April 1st to June 20th. Three black bass per day on artificial lures only may be taken during this open season and no person shall have in his possession at any one time during this open season more than 3 black bass or 7½ pounds in the aggregate. Black bass may be taken under the provisions of subsections 1, 3 and 4 after June 20th.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 2552, sub-§ 3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 401, § 3, is amended to read:

3. All fish in rivers. Except as provided in subsection 1-A, ~~There~~ there shall be an open season for all fish in all the rivers above tidewater, in waters free of ice from April 1st to September 15th, except in Aroostook County the open season shall be from May 1st to September 15th.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA § 2552, sub-§ 4, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 401, § 4, is amended to read:

4. All fish in brooks and streams. Except as provided in subsection 1-A, ~~There~~ there shall be an open season for all fish in brooks and streams in waters free of ice from April 1st to August 15th, except in Aroostook County the open season shall be from May 1st to September 15th.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA § 2552, sub-§ 5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Black bass. In any waters where the bag limit on black bass has been removed by rule and regulation of the commissioner, the season on black bass and the method of fishing for them shall be the same as for trout and salmon.

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## CHAPTER 270

### AN ACT to Amend the Law Relating to Gas Tax Reimbursement.

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

Whereas, the gasoline tax refunds for Maine businesses is of ever-increasing importance; and

Whereas, the ability of businesses to apply for the gasoline tax rebate on a yearly basis would be of significant and immediate assistance; 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 the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,