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CHAPTER 289

AN ACT Authorizing School Administrative Units to Charge a Driver Education Course Fee during the School Year.

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

20 MRSA § 2454 is enacted to read:

§ 2454. School administrative unit fee during school year

A school administrative unit may charge a fee, based on the per pupil cost, for a driver education course conducted after regular school hours during the school year.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 290

AN ACT to Repeal Certain Laws Relating to Highway Taxes Assessed by Towns.

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

23 MRSA § 3552 is repealed.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 291

AN ACT Concerning Certain Powers of Joint Standing Committees Responsible for Acting on Gubernatorial Nominations.

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

3 MRSA § 151, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 771, § 11, is amended by inserting after the 3rd paragraph the following:

For the purposes of reviewing nominations pursuant to this section, the joint standing committee shall have the power to administer oaths and to take testimony under oath. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 165, subsection 7, the Legislature or the Legislative Council during any time when the Legislature is not in session, may grant to any joint standing committee reviewing a nomination any of the powers set out in section 165, subsection 7.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 292

AN ACT to Repeal Certain Laws Relating to Alcoholic Beverages.

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

Sec. 1. 28 MRSA § 101, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 741, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The city aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, at the time of holding any primary, special statewide or general election, to vote upon any one or all of the following questions:

Sec. 2. 28 MRSA § 101, 5th ¶ from the end, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 741, § 5, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 28 MRSA § 101, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 741, § 5, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

Where a city or town has voted in favor of accepting or not accepting the ballot questions, that vote shall be effective until repealed according to the procedure in the following paragraph.

A new vote may be held in a municipality upon one or more of the ballot questions, upon receipt of a petition of electors resident in that municipality, in writing addressed to the municipal officers and signed by at least 15% of the number of voters voting for the gubernatorial candidates at the last statewide election in that municipality, which petition shall be filed with the municipal officers 120 days prior to any general, primary or special statewide election. The ballots for that municipality shall carry questions in accordance with the petition and shall be prepared by the municipality.

Sec. 4. 28 MRSA § 751, 3rd ¶, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 360, § 24, is further amended to read:

No licenses shall be issued to any new retail premise under this section unless it has been in operation as such for a period of at least 3 months next