

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

12 MRSA § 4208, as enacted by PL 1967, c, 309, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 4208. Purse seines not to be set near certain stop seines

1. Unlawful actions. It shall be unlawful to fish with, set or assist in setting any purse seine:

A. Within 2,000 feet of any boat containing a crew and stop seine capable of fishing the cove or arc of beach;

B. From sunrise to sunset, within 2,000 feet of any stop seine set across the mouth of a cove or arc of a beach, when a pocket is set for holding fish and is marked by at least 4 floating kegs or similar devices; or

C. From sunset to sunrise, within 2,000 feet of any stop seine set across the mouth of a cove or arc of a beach, when a boat and crew capable of fishing the cove or beach is present.

2. Exception. The operator of the stop seine may use a purse seine inside the pocket of the stop seine to remove the fish caught, and shall not violate this section by doing so.

3. Penalty. Violation of this section shall be a Class C crime.

4. Definition. For the purpose of this section, sunset and sunrise are the times given for sunset and sunrise as computed and established for Augusta, Maine, by the Nautical Almanac Office of the United States Naval Observatory for the particular day involved, converted to the legal standard of time in force in this State on that day.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 329

AN ACT Relating to Registration of Trucks of Less Than 6,000 Pounds as Automobiles.

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

Whereas, the provisions of the present law are difficult to enforce; and

Whereas, there is a certain inequity in the law which requires immediate change; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emer-

gency 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,

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

29 MRSA § 242, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, 2nd ¶, 1st sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 219, is amended to read:

For the purposes of registration only, a ~~privately owned pickup truck which is not used in any way in connection with a commercial enterprise~~ may be registered as provided herein for automobiles provided that at no time shall the gross weight of a pickup truck so registered exceed 6,000 pounds when used as a motor truck or truck tractor.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 17, 1977

CHAPTER 330

AN ACT Relating to Notice of Authorization to Registers of Probate.

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

24-A MRSA § 3104, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 585, § 12, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 3104. Notice of authorization to registers of probate

Whenever any surety insurer is authorized to transact business in this State, the superintendent shall maintain the name of such insurer and the names of all agents of such insurer who have been licensed by him, their places of residence and the dates when their licenses will expire, and the names and addresses of all attorneys-in-fact registered with him.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 331

AN ACT Concerning Solicitation Sales of Consumer Merchandise.