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## CHAPTER 606

### AN ACT to Exempt Special Mobile Equipment from the Motor Vehicle Title Statutes.

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

29 MRSA § 2362, sub-§ 11 is enacted to read:

11. **Special mobile equipment.** Special mobile equipment as defined in section 1, subsection 14.

Effective July 6, 1978

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## CHAPTER 607

### AN ACT to Delay Implementation of the Court Intake Worker Function until July 1, 1978.

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

Whereas, the Maine Juvenile Code, enacted by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature, will take effect on July 1, 1978; and

Whereas, the Maine Juvenile Code contains provisions requiring court intake workers for juveniles; and

Whereas, the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature also enacted Public Law 1977, chapter 518, which also provided for court intake workers for juveniles, but which established a different set of provisions concerning the program than did the Maine Juvenile Code; and

Whereas, the Department of Mental Health and Corrections has thus been required to implement a current court intake worker program which will be substantially changed within a period of 6 months; and

Whereas, the implementation of the program required by chapter 518 has required that departmental resources be used which were originally intended for other services, such as probation services and services for juveniles; and

Whereas, to avoid continuing confusion over which statutory provisions govern the intake worker program and to avoid a continuing drain on departmental resources for administration of a program which will be greatly changed upon the implementation of the Maine Juvenile Code, it is necessary to immediately provide that the court intake worker function may commence at the same time the Maine Juvenile Code takes effect; 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,

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

**Sec. 1.** 15 MRSA § 2601, sub-§ 1, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 518, § 1, is further amended to read:

Upon such application, the juvenile court ~~intake worker~~ shall make a preliminary inquiry, examining the applicant and witnesses, if any, to determine whether the interests of the public or of the juvenile complained against require that further action be taken.

**Sec. 2.** 15 MRSA § 2602-A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 518, § 2, is repealed.

**Sec. 3.** 34 MRSA § 1592, sub-§ 3-A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 518, § 3, is repealed.

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

Effective February 17, 1978

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## CHAPTER 608

### AN ACT Concerning Limitation of Actions and Assumptions of Risk under the Elevator and Tramway Statutes Pertaining to Ski Areas.

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

**Sec. 1.** 14 MRSA § 752-B is enacted to read:

#### § 752-B. Ski areas

All civil actions for property damage, bodily injury or death against a ski area owner or operator or tramway owner or operator or its employees, as defined