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clerk of the court.

On mortgages executed prior to October 1, 1975, unless the mortgage contains language to the contrary, the period of redemption shall be one year from the date of the judgment. On mortgages executed on or after October 1, 1975, the period of redemption shall be 90 days from the date of the judgment.

Effective July 6, 1978

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## CHAPTER 619

### AN ACT Relating to Preventive Discipline in the Schools.

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

20 MRSA § 918, is enacted to read:

#### § 918. Civil liability

1. **Use of reasonable force.** A teacher or other person entrusted with the care or supervision of a person for special and limited purposes shall not be held civilly liable for the use of a reasonable degree of force against such person who creates a disturbance, when and to the extent that he reasonably believes it necessary to control the disturbing behavior or to remove a person from the scene of this disturbance.

2. **Exceptions.** Subsection 1 shall not apply to the purposeful or reckless use of force that creates a substantial risk of death, serious bodily injury or extraordinary pain.

3. **Affect on civil liability.** Nothing in this section shall enlarge or otherwise adversely affect the civil liability of a teacher or other person entrusted with the care or supervision of a person for special or limited purposes.

Effective July 6, 1978

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## CHAPTER 620

### AN ACT Establishing Vision Test Requirements for Driver License Renewals.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 545, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 212, § 4 and by PL 1977, c. 558, § 1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 545-A is enacted to read:

§ 545-A. Vision test requirements

1. Definition. For the purposes of this section, the term "license" means a motor vehicle operator's license.

2. Requirement for certain persons between the age of 40 and 65. Every person who has not attained his 40th birthday by September 1, 1978, shall, at the time he first renews his license after he has become 40 years old, pass the vision portion of a driver's examination. He shall, in addition, at the time of every 3rd renewal of his license after this first renewal, pass the vision portion of a driver's examination until he has attained his 65th birthday at which time he shall be subject to subsection 5.

3. Transition for persons between 40 and 52 years of age on September 1, 1978. Every person who, on September 1, 1978, has attained his 40th birthday but has not attained his 52nd birthday shall only be required to pass the vision portion of a driver's examination for renewal of his license upon the first renewal after he has attained his 52nd birthday and then not again until he is subject to subsection 5.

4. Transition for persons between 52 years and 65 years of age on September 1, 1978. Every person who, on September 1, 1978, has attained his 52nd birthday but has not attained his 65th birthday shall not be required to pass the vision portion of a driver's examination for renewal of his license until he is subject to subsection 5.

5. Persons between 65 and 75 years of age. Any person who has attained his 65th birthday but has not attained his 75th birthday shall pass the vision portion of a driver's license examination before his license may be renewed.

6. Doctor's certificate. Any person required to pass a vision examination under this section may submit an acceptable certificate signed by a doctor, optometrist, registered nurse or other person approved by the Secretary of State, which certificate sets forth the person's visual acuity in each eye, both eyes combined and field of vision. The certificate submitted shall not be accepted if it indicates the vision finding is based on an examination completed over one year prior to the date of application.

7. Exemption for holders of Interstate Commerce Commission operator's license. Any person required to pass a vision examination under this section who provides satisfactory evidence that he has a valid Interstate Commerce Commission operator's license issued within the past year need not take the vision examination.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 545-B is enacted to read:

§ 545-B. Renewal of motor vehicle operator's licenses for persons 75 years of age or older

Any person who has attained his 75th birthday shall pass a driver's examination before his motor vehicle operator's license may be renewed.

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act shall become effective on September 1, 1978.

Effective September 1, 1978

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## CHAPTER 621

**AN ACT to Increase the Amount which Qualifies a Financial Institution for Exemption from Insurance of Deposits on Accounts.**

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

9-B MRSA § 422, sub-§ 1, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 670, is amended to read:

The superintendent may waive this requirement for a financial institution with assets of less than ~~\$250,000~~ **\$500,000**, if such institution demonstrates to the superintendent that it is satisfying a particular community need which cannot be sufficiently met by other financial institutions and that it has adequate security for its deposits or accounts.

Effective July 6, 1978

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## CHAPTER 622

**AN ACT to Regulate Hazardous Materials and to Provide for a Reporting System to Hazardous Materials Emergencies.**

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