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1977, chapter 496, section 39, shall be deemed valid for the purpose of Title 28, section 101.

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

Effective March 9, 1978

CHAPTER 631

AN ACT to Provide Municipalities with Standards for the Installation of Wood Stoves.

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

5 MRSA § 5005, sub-§ 1, ¶ N is enacted to read:

N. In cooperation with the Office of the State Fire Marshal and other interested parties, prepare proposed standards for the installation of stoves designed exclusively to burn wood for the purposes of heating or cooking, but shall not include wood stoves designed as furnaces attached to a central heating system. A hearing shall be held, preceded by reasonable notice to the public, on these proposed standards and they shall be modified as deemed necessary in response to the public hearing. The Office of Energy Resources shall make these standards available to those municipalities which desire to regulate the installation of wood stoves, pursuant to their powers as expressed in Title 30, section 2151.

Effective July 6, 1978

CHAPTER 632

AN ACT to Facilitate the Making of Decrees by the Industrial Accident Commission.

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

Sec. 1. 39 MRSA § 99, 4th sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 613, § 2, is further amended to read:

~~His decision findings of fact and rulings of law, and any other matters pertinent to the questions so raised shall be filed in the office of the commission, and a copy thereof attested by the clerk of the commission mailed forthwith to all parties interested or to the attorney of record of each party.~~

Sec. 2. 39 MRSA § 99, 2nd ¶ is enacted to read:

The commissioner shall, upon the request of a party made as a motion within 10 days after notice of the decision, or may upon its own motion find the facts specially and state separately its conclusions of law thereon and file the appropriate decision if it differs from the decision filed before the request was made. Those findings, conclusions and revised decision shall be filed in the office of the commission, and a copy thereof attested by the clerk of the commission shall be mailed forthwith to all parties interested. The running of the time for appeal, including certification and presentation to the court under section 103, is terminated by a timely motion made pursuant to this section, and the full time for this appeal commences to run and is to be computed from the filing of those findings, conclusions and revised decision.

Effective July 6, 1978

CHAPTER 633

AN ACT to Provide for the Sale of Electricity to Public Utilities.

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

35 MRSA § 2314 is enacted to read:

§ 2314. Sale of electricity to public utilities

Corporations organized under Title 13-A for the purpose of generating electricity may sell electricity to any public utility corporation or cooperative authorized to make, generate, sell or distribute electricity. The rate, toll or charge paid to those corporations by any public utility shall be just and reasonable. The Public Utilities Commission may determine such rates and other conditions as shall safeguard the rights and interests of both the generating corporation and the public utility.

Effective July 6, 1978