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Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 1, sub-§ 1-G, ¶ A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 731, § 19, is amended to read:

A. A trailer or semitrailer ~~of less than 32 feet in length~~ primarily designed and constructed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or other use, **but shall not include mobile homes; or**

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 52-A first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 694, § 486, is amended to read:

With the approval of the municipal officers of a municipality, the Secretary of State may appoint municipal tax collectors, or such other persons as a municipality may designate to collect excise taxes on vehicles, as agents to receive applications for the registration and the renewal of registrations of motor vehicles, **trailers and semitrailers**. Municipal agents so appointed may be authorized to issue both registrations and renewals of registrations, or their authority may be limited to the issuance of renewals only. Those agents authorized to issue both registrations and renewals may issue registrations for ~~automobiles and~~ trucks not registered for over 6,000 pounds g.v.w., **automobiles, trailers, semitrailers and farm tractors**, and may issue renewals for automobiles, **trailers, semitrailers and**, trucks **and farm tractors** in which there is no change from the previous registration in the status of the vehicle to include the registered gross weight, axles or any other change in the status defined by the Secretary of State, provided these vehicles are not for hire. Agents authorized to issue renewals only may issue renewals for automobiles, **trailers, semitrailers and**, trucks **and farm tractors** in which there is no change from the previous registration in the status of the vehicle to include the registered gross weight, axles or any other change in status defined by the Secretary of State, provided these vehicles are not for hire. The agents may charge any applicant \$1 over and above the required registration fee for each registration or renewal issued, the \$1 to be retained by the municipality.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 24

S. P. 109 — L. D. 202

AN ACT to Prohibit a Manufacturer or Wholesaler of Alcoholic Beverages to Hold a Retail License.

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

Sec. 1. 28 MRSA § 304, 2nd sentence, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 672, § 1, is further amended to read:

~~Except as herein provided, it~~ It shall be unlawful for any licensee or any applicant for license, directly or indirectly, to receive any money, credit, thing of value, indorsement of commercial paper, guarantee of credit or financial assistance of any sort from any person, association or corporation within or without the State, if such person, association or corporation shall be engaged, directly or indirectly, in the manufacture, distribution, sale, storage or transportation of liquor; or if such person, association or corporation shall be engaged in the manufacture, distribution, sale or transportation of any commodity, equipment, material or advertisement used in connection with the manufacture, distribution, sale, storage or transportation of liquor.

Sec. 2. 28 MRSA § 304, 3rd sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 672, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

No Maine retail liquor licensee shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any Maine manufacturer's or wholesaler's license or certificate of approval issued to an out-of-state manufacturer or foreign wholesaler of malt liquor or table wine; and no out-of-state manufacturer or foreign wholesaler having a state certificate of approval, nor any state wholesaler or manufacturing licensee, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any state retail liquor license.

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CHAPTER 25

H. P. 941 — L. D. 1096

AN ACT to Establish a Moratorium on Issuing Commercial Fishing Licenses.

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

Whereas, the Federal Government has severely limited the quotas of fish that may be taken in waters under the Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and

Whereas, many fishermen have had their fishing activities in waters under federal jurisdiction severely restricted as a result of the quotas and closures; and

Whereas, these restrictions do not apply to the waters within the state's jurisdiction; and

Whereas, the Department of Marine Resources has received a great number of inquiries and applications for commercial fishing licenses in the last few days; and

Whereas, it appears that this sudden increase in applications is part of a concerted effort to circumvent the federal regulations; and