

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 2491, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 496, § 3, is amended to read:

1. **Camping area.** "Camping area" means, in addition to the general accepted interpretations, seashore resorts, lakeshore places, picnic and lunch grounds or other premises where ~~trailers tents auto-homes or house-cars~~ **recreational vehicles** are permitted to be parked for compensation either directly or indirectly.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 2492, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 496, § 3, is amended by inserting at the end the following new paragraph:

Whenever a camping area consists of 5 or more tents or recreational vehicles on a commercial lot it shall be presumed that the owner or renter of the lot is receiving compensation for the use of a camping area. This presumption shall be negated if the owner or renter presents a preponderance of evidence to the contrary.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 31

S. P. 68 — L. D. 105

AN ACT Relating to Supplemental Assessments under the Taxation Statutes.

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

36 MRSA § 713, first sentence, is amended to read:

Supplemental assessments may be made within ~~5~~ 3 years from the last assessment date whenever it is determined that any estates liable to taxation have been omitted from assessment or any tax on estates is invalid or void by reason of illegality, error or irregularity in assessment. **A supplemental assessment may be made during the municipal year whenever, through error or inadvertance, the assessors have omitted from their assessment or commitment taxes duly raised by the municipality or its proportion of any state or county tax payable during the municipal year.**

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 32

H. P. 179 — L. D. 220

AN ACT to Authorize the Lease of Mental Health and Corrections' Facilities by other Agencies.

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

34 MRSA § 1, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 674, § 28, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentences to read:

The commissioner may, with the approval of the Director of Public Improvements, lease unused buildings at the institutions for the purposes of providing services to departmental clients. These leases shall be for a period not to exceed one year.

The commissioner shall submit a plan of these proposed leases and their impact on the institutions and the departmental clients to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services no later than January 31st of each year.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 33

H. P. 189 — L. D. 239

AN ACT to Specifically Define what Constitutes a Law Enforcement Officer's Signal to a Motorist to Stop.

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

29 MRSA § 2121, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 731, § 58, is further amended by adding after the first sentence the following:

For the purposes of this section, the term "signal" may include the use of a hand signal, siren or flashing emergency lights.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 34

S. P. 133 — L. D. 310

AN ACT to Increase the Certification Fees for Geologists.

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

32 MRSA § 4912, sub-§ 2, as amended by PL 1975, c. 760, § 15, is further amended to read: