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CHAPTER 45

S. P. 154 — L. D. 372

AN ACT Relating to Certification of Plumbing Inspectors.

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

30 MRSA § 3222, sub-§ 2, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 521, § 4, is amended to read:

Certification of plumbing inspectors shall be in accordance with the standards set by the commissioner, and shall be for a period of 3 years, **unless sooner revoked or suspended by the Administrative Court upon complaint by the commissioner on grounds of fraud, negligence, misconduct or incompetence in the performance of his duties.**

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 46

H. P. 195 — L. D. 244

AN ACT to Require that Heads of State Agencies Report to the State Auditor any Suspected Improper or Illegal Financial Activity in their Agency.

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

5 MRSA § 244-A is enacted to read:

§ 244-A. Reports to the State Auditor

The head of any department or agency of the State or of any board, commission, agency or authority of any county, municipality, school district or any other political or administrative subdivision, who has any evidence of any improper or illegal transactions within his department or agency shall immediately report the transactions to the State Auditor.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 47

H. P. 281 — L. D. 359

AN ACT to Clarify the Law Relating to the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 454, first ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 650, is further amended to read:

There is established a Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute under the administrative supervision of the State Court Administrator to provide a continuing forum for the regular discussion ~~by criminal judges, prosecutors, law enforcement and correctional personnel~~ of the most appropriate methods of sentencing convicted offenders ~~by judges in the criminal justice system, prosecutors, law enforcement and correctional personnel and such representatives of the defense bar as the chairman of the Judicial Council may invite.~~ All Supreme Judicial Court, Superior Court ~~and~~, District Court ~~and~~ Administrative Court Judges, all District Attorneys and attorneys within the Criminal Division of the Office of the Attorney General, and such other criminal justice personnel as the Judicial Council may authorize shall be members of the institute.

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA § 454, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 610, § 1, is amended to read:

The institute shall meet ~~annually~~ **not less than once every 3 years**, at the call of the Judicial Council, for a 2-day period ~~within an existing state correctional facility~~ to discuss recommendations for changes in the sentencing authority and policies of the state's criminal courts, in response to current law enforcement problems and the available alternatives for criminal rehabilitation within the state's correctional system. Inasmuch as possible the deliberations of the institute shall be open to the general public ~~and all Superior Court and District Court Judges appointed since the last convening of the institute shall be required to attend.~~

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 48

H. P. 147 — L. D. 150

AN ACT to Revise the Service Charge for Local Vehicle Registration Agents.

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

29 MRSA § 52-A, first ¶, last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 694, § 486, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The agents may charge any applicant a fee not to exceed \$1 over and above the