

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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

12 MRSA § 1974, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 414, § 1, is amended to read:

All numbers once awarded under this chapter to a snowmobile shall remain with that snowmobile until the snowmobile is destroyed, abandoned or permanently removed from this State, **except that numbers that have been inactive for at least 7 years may be reissued by the division.**

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 53

H. P. 298 — L. D. 396

**AN ACT Concerning Reissuance of Inactive Boat Registration Numbers.**

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

12 MRSA § 2070, sub-§ 3, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 734, § 1, is amended to read:

3. **Numbers permanent.** A number once awarded under this chapter to a motorboat remains with that boat until the boat is destroyed, abandoned, permanently removed or no longer principally used in this State, **except that numbers that have been inactive for at least 7 years may be reissued by the division.**

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 54

H. P. 26 — L. D. 43

**AN ACT to Establish the Minimum Wage at \$2.90 Per Hour and to Set a \$4 Per Hour Ceiling.**

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

26 MRSA § 664, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 352 is further amended to read:

By reason of the declaration of policy set forth in section 661 and in the protection of the industry or business and in the enhancement of public interest, health, safety and welfare, it is declared unlawful for any employer to employ any employee, except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, at the rate of less than ~~\$2.30~~ **\$2.90** per hour; or to require any employee to work more than 40 hours in one week, unless 1½ times the regular hourly rate is paid for all work done over 40 hours in any one week; and whenever the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of ~~\$2.30~~ **\$2.90** per hour, the minimum wage established under this section shall be increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the highest federal minimum wage, but in no case shall the minimum wage exceed ~~\$3~~ **\$4** per hour.

Effective September 14, 1979

## CHAPTER 55

H. P. 127 — L. D. 136

**AN ACT Authorizing the Use of Nondeadly Disabling Chemicals for Self-defense and for Property Protection in Certain Circumstances.**

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

17-A MRSA § 1002, sub-§ 3, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. This section shall not apply to the use of those disabling chemicals when that use is for the purpose of:

- A. Defending a person under section 108;
- B. Defending premises under section 104; or
- C. Retaking property, preventing that taking or preventing criminal mischief under section 105;

as authorized for the use of nondeadly force.

Effective September 14, 1979

## CHAPTER 56

S. P. 42 — L. D. 28

**AN ACT to Test an Experimental Season on Moose for a One-year Period.**