

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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2. Pregnant women who are able to work. It shall be unlawful employment discrimination in violation of this Act, except where based on a bona fide occupational qualification, for an employer, employment agency or labor organization to treat a pregnant woman who is able to work in a different manner from other persons who are able to work.

3. Pregnant women who are not able to work. It shall also be unlawful employment discrimination in violation of this Act, except where based on a bona fide occupational qualification, for an employer, employment agency or labor organization to treat a pregnant woman who is not able to work because of a disability or illness resulting from pregnancy, or from medical conditions which result from pregnancy, in a different manner from other employees who are not able to work because of other disabilities or illnesses.

4. Employer not responsible for additional benefits. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that an employer, employment agency or labor organization is required to provide sick leave, a leave of absence, medical benefits or other benefits to a woman because of pregnancy or other medical conditions which result from pregnancy, if this employer, employment agency or labor organization does not also provide sick leaves, leaves of absence, medical benefits or other benefits for his other employees.

5. Small business exception. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 3, employers with 15 or less employees shall not be required to provide medical benefits because of pregnancy or other medical conditions which result from pregnancy.

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## CHAPTER 80

H. P. 166 — L. D. 198

**AN ACT Making Minor Revisions in the Aeronautics Law.**

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

Sec. 1. 6 MRSA § 52, sub-§ 1, ¶¶ A and B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 678, § 32, are amended to read:

A. All resident aircraft owners basing aircraft in this State, and all nonresidents who own or operate an aircraft which is used for compensation or hire within this State, unless exempted, shall register their aircraft with the director.

**B.** The director is authorized to issue registration certificates and decals for all civil aircraft based in this State. A state registration certificate shall be valid from the date of issuance through the ~~30th day of April~~ **last day of February** of the next calendar year. This certificate shall not be transferable except with the prior written approval of the director.

**(1) Every owner of an aircraft with a current Maine registration, valid through April 30, 1980, shall receive a 2-month credit for registration paid for the aircraft registration year 1979-80 only. The credit provided in this subparagraph shall be applied to the aircraft registration renewal for the registration year 1980-81.**

**Sec. 2.** 6 MRSA § 52, sub-§ 2, ¶ C, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 678, § 32, is amended to read:

Nonresidents who own **or operate** an aircraft which is used for compensation or hire within this State ~~and which is based in Maine~~ shall register the aircraft with the director and pay a fee of \$50 for each registration.

**Sec. 3.** 6 MRSA § 53, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 678, § 32, is amended to read:

**1. Application for dealer's registration certificate.** All persons engaged in the **business of** manufacturing, buying or selling of aircraft shall make application to the director for a dealer's registration certificate. **A dealer's registration certificate shall be valid from the date of issuance through the first day of January of the next calendar year unless sooner revoked, suspended or cancelled.**

**Sec. 4.** 6 MRSA § 103, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, last 2 sentences, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 678, § 33, are amended to read:

The Commissioner of Transportation ~~shall may~~ make rules and regulations pertaining to the use and operation of commercial seaplane landing areas. ~~These rules and regulations shall include provisions concerning the safety of seaplane landing areas, the type of aircraft authorized to use the landing areas and the impact of commercial service on the area.~~

**Sec. 5.** 6 MRSA § 202, sub-§ 8, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 678, § 44, is repealed.

**Sec. 6.** 6 MRSA § 302, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 678, § 48, is amended to read:

The director ~~shall be a member of the board and shall~~ serve as secretary **of the board.**

**Sec. 7.** 36 MRSA § 1482, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, sub-¶ (1) is enacted to read:

(1) Every owner of an aircraft with a current Maine registration, valid through April 30, 1980, shall receive a 2-month credit for excise tax paid for the aircraft registration year 1979-80 only. The credit provided in this subparagraph shall be applied to the aircraft registration renewal for the registration year 1980-81.

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## CHAPTER 81

S. P. 113 — L. D. 207

**AN ACT Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to use a Modified Procedure in Uncontested Cases Relating to the Assignment and Transfer of Special or Charter Bus Licenses.**

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

35 MRSA § 1643, 3rd, 4th and 5th sentences are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

No application for a license shall be granted by the commission until after a hearing, except that the commission need not require a hearing on any application if, within 15 days of giving notice as provided herein, the commission receives no objection to granting the license. The commission shall give notice of all applications for licenses, in such manner and to such persons, firms, corporations, governmental agencies and carriers as it deems necessary. When a hearing is required by this section or when the commission in its discretion deems it necessary, notice of the hearing, in such manner as the commission may deem necessary, shall be given by the commission at least 7 days prior to the hearing to such persons, firms, corporations, governmental agencies and carriers as the commission shall deem necessary. A license shall be issued to any qualified applicant therefor, authorizing the whole or any part of the operations covered by the application, if it is found that the applicant is fit, willing and able to perform the service proposed and to conform to the applicable provisions of law and the requirements, rules and regulations of the commission, and that the proposed service, to the extent to be authorized by the license, is or will be consistent with the public interest and the policy described in section 1641; otherwise the application shall be denied.

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