

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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1979 July 6, 1978, without having to satisfy any other requirements; and 2. Have the right to transfer under the appointment all accrued fringe benefits, including vacation and sick leave, health and life insurance and retirement, exactly as if the transfer were between 2 positions under the Personnel Law.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective April 23, 1979

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## CHAPTER 128

H. P. 210 — L. D. 258

AN ACT to Amend the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Act.

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

12 MRSA § 4813, first ¶, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 468, § 1, is repealed.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 129

H. P. 470 — L. D. 598

AN ACT to Prohibit the Possession of Manufactured Items the Serial Numbers of Which Have Been Altered.

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

17-A MRSA § 705, sub-§ 1, ¶ D, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

D. With intent to defraud and to prevent identification:

- (1) He alters, removes or obscures the manufacturer's serial number or any other distinguishing identification number, mark or symbol upon any automobile, snowmobile, outboard motor, motorboat, aircraft or any other vehicle or upon any machine, firearm or other object; or

(2) He possesses any such object or any such item after that number has been altered, removed or obscured.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 130

S. P. 286 — L. D. 856

### AN ACT to Provide for Metric Measurements.

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

**Sec. 1.** 28 MRSA § 2, sub-§ 14, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 211, § 3, is amended to read:

**14. Retail sale.** "Retail sale" shall mean any single sale of liquor for on or off the premises consumption of less than 20 gallons, or its metric equivalent, whether in the original package or as a mixed drink for immediate consumption.

**Sec. 2.** 28 MRSA § 451, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 360, § 14, is further amended to read:

All spirits and wines, except table wines, shall be sold by the commission at a price to be determined by the commission which will produce a state liquor tax of not less than 75% based on the less carload cost f. o. b., State Liquor Commission warehouse, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and imposed an excise tax of 75¢ per gallon, or its metric equivalent, on wines containing more than 14% alcohol by volume; except that spirits and wines sold at wholesale under section 204 may be sold at wholesale prices established pursuant to the provisions thereof.

**Sec. 3.** 28 MRSA § 452, first ¶, is amended to read:

There shall be levied and imposed an excise tax on all malt liquor manufactured in this State of 5 1/3¢ per gallon, or its metric equivalent, to be paid by the manufacturer in addition to the fee provided by law. A wholesale licensee who imports malt liquor shall pay an excise tax of 25¢ per gallon, or its metric equivalent, and at a like rate for any multiple or fraction thereof.

**Sec. 4.** 28 MRSA § 452, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 360, § 15, is amended to read:

There shall be levied and imposed an excise tax of 30¢ per gallon, or its metric equivalent, or fraction or multiple thereof, on all table wine containing 14% or less alcohol by volume imported into this State; except the excise tax shall be 20¢ per gallon, or its metric equivalent, or fraction or multiple thereof on all still wine