

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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reasonable rules and regulations **to be enforced by the State Fire Marshal** with respect to the location, erection, construction and maintenance of grandstands, bleachers, stadiums, arenas, fences, safety barriers or other like structures intended primarily to support or protect spectators during any type of motor vehicle racing and with respect to public liability insurance coverage required by section 561.

**Sec. 2. 8 MRSA § 562, 2nd ¶**, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 108, is further amended to read:

Such rules and regulations shall become effective when ~~approved in writing by the Governor reviewed for form and legality by the Office of the Attorney General and approved in writing by the Commissioner of Public Safety~~ and when a certified copy thereof has been filed with the Secretary of State.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 157

H. P. 578 — L. D. 726

### AN ACT Concerning 8-Year Semitrailer Registration.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, a first display date of February 1st places severe hardships on volume purchases of long-term semitrailer registrations; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary to establish an earlier first display date as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**29 MRSA § 245-A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 481, § 8, is amended by adding 2 new paragraphs at the end to read:

**At the beginning of each 8-year semipermanent plate program, it shall be lawful to use and display the number plates issued for the ensuing 8-year semipermanent plate program on and after December 1st of the preceding calendar year.**

The first display date of all 8-year semipermanent plates issued after the commencement of the 8-year semipermanent plate program shall be either on and after the date of purchase or on and after February 1st next following the date of issuance, depending upon the number of registration years paid for by the registrant.

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

Effective April 27, 1979

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## CHAPTER 158

S. P. 257 — L. D. 763

**AN ACT to Make Private Organizations which Receive a State Subsidy Subject to the Maine Freedom of Access Law.**

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

36 MRSA § 4571, sub-§ 1-A, ¶ D is enacted to read:

D. The Maine Potato Council shall be subject to Title 1, sections 401 to 410.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 159

H. P. 188 — L. D. 238

**AN ACT to Authorize Municipalities to Vote on Certain Local Option Questions Concerning the Sale of Liquor.**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, some municipalities are located in areas remote to an established state liquor store; and

Whereas, the citizens of those towns are required to travel long distances to obtain the service of liquor, thereby creating an extra expense to the inhabitants; and