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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA § 1043, sub-§ 24, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 710, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

24. **Insured worker.** An “insured worker” is an individual who has been paid wages equal to or exceeding 2 times the annual average weekly wage for insured work in each of 2 different quarters in his base period and has been paid total wages equal to or exceeding 6 times the annual average weekly wage in his base period for insured work. The annual average weekly wage amount to be used for purposes of this subsection shall be that which is applicable at the time the individual files a request for determination of his insured status.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA § 1192, sub-§ 5, first sentence, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 568, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

For each eligible individual establishing a benefit year on or after January 1, 1980, he has been paid wages equal to or exceeding 2 times the annual average weekly wage for insured work in each of 2 different quarters in his base period and has been paid total wages equal to or exceeding 7 times the annual average weekly wage in his base period for insured work. The annual average weekly wage amount to be used for purposes of this subsection shall be that which is applicable at the time the individual files a request for determination of his insured status.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 166

S. P. 219 — L. D. 761

AN ACT to Authorize Municipalities of Under 2,500 Inhabitants to Permit Persons other than Arborists to Remove Trees within Municipal Boundaries.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 1951, sub-§ 1, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 347, § 1, is further amended to read:

1. **Arborist.** “Arborist” means a person who, for compensation, diagnoses or evaluates the condition of shade or ornamental trees; or solicits, recommends or supervises the treatment of such trees; or in any manner or for any purpose treats or cares for such trees or parts thereof; or takes down or fells such trees by topping or by sections, **except pursuant to a permit issued under section 2051-A**; or for control of any diseases, injuries or insects, sprays or treats by any other method such trees or forest trees.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 2051, as amended by PL 1965, c. 226, § 73, is further amended to read:

§ 2051. License required

No Except as provided in section 2051-A, no person shall advertise, solicit, contract or in any way engage for compensation in the business of an arborist, or make representation as being able to do so, without being licensed as an arborist except that licensees under the current arborist law shall remain eligible for renewal provided they meet the provisions of this subchapter.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA § 2051-A is enacted to read:

§ 2051-A. Exemptions to licensing requirements for tree removal in municipalities of under 2,500 persons

A municipality having a population of fewer than 2,500 persons may adopt, amend or repeal an ordinance regulating and permitting the removal of trees without an arborist's license, as otherwise required under section 2051. The ordinance may authorize the municipal officers to issue a permit to a person to remove trees in the municipality without an arborist's license. The ordinance may establish qualifications and conditions of financial responsibility for the permittee, provided those qualifications and conditions do not exceed those required for an arborist's license under this subchapter.

A permit issued under a municipal ordinance shall state the name of the permittee, the location and number of trees to be removed, the date on which the trees shall be removed and any other restrictions which the municipal officers or their designee deem necessary to ensure the safe and responsible removal of the trees. The ordinance may provide for a fee for the issuance of permits which is reasonable and necessary to cover the expenses of issuing permits and otherwise administering this section.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 167

H. P. 622 — L. D. 779

AN ACT to Establish Standards for the Sale and Installation of Foam Plastic Insulation.

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

25 MRSA § 2447-B is enacted to read: