

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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Sec. 4. 30 MRSA § 4162, sub-§ 5, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 325, is further amended to read:

5. **Transfer of responsibility.** Whenever a particular portion of the public reserved lands is to be used, pursuant to the management plan, for a **single dominant** use which use is within the particular expertise of another agency of the State, the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation may, with the consent of the Governor and the state agency involved, transfer to such other state agency the responsibility for the management of such particular portion of the public reserved lands.

Sec. 5. PL 1977, c. 156, § 2, is repealed.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 225

H. P. 268 — L. D. 349

### AN ACT Relating to Discharges and Emissions From Nuclear Generating Facilities.

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

35 MRSA c. 269 is enacted to read:

#### CHAPTER 269

#### NUCLEAR POWER GENERATING FACILITIES

#### SUBCHAPTER 1

#### EMISSIONS REPORTING

##### § 3331. Purpose

The Legislature finds that nuclear power plants routinely release radioactive materials to the environment. These radioactive materials are generally released in a controlled manner and within the limits established by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Some of these releases have been unplanned, unscheduled and inadvertent. On occasion, they exceed technical specification limits. No firm evidence exists that these radioactive emissions do or do not present a genetic or long-term health risk. Most authorities agree that it should be assumed that radiation at any dose level has a finite risk. The Legislature finds, therefore, that the public welfare will be better protected if the public is fully informed on any release of radioactive materials to the environment.

##### § 3332. Reports to the Commissioner of Human Services

The president of any nuclear power generating facility in Maine, or his designee, shall provide the Commissioner of Human Services with a report of all radioactive materials released to the environment. The report shall be a duplicate of any report required by the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 10.

§ 3333. Reports by the Commissioner of Human Services

The Commissioner of Human Services, or his designee, shall review and study the reports, if any, and consolidate them for distribution to the Public Utilities Commission, state agencies and public officials concerned with nuclear energy and interested members of the public. The report shall include an abstract written in a manner that is easily understood by the general public.

Reports of release which exceed technical specification limits or result in overexposure to plant personnel or members of the public shall be reviewed expeditiously by the Commissioner of Human Services, or his designee, and a report shall be forwarded to the individuals and agencies as provided in this section.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 226

H. P. 575 — L. D. 723

### AN ACT Establishing Weight Tolerances for Certain Vehicles.

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

29 MRSA § 1655, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 237, § 6, is amended to read:

The operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded entirely with firewood, sawed lumber, dimension lumber, pulpwood, wood chips, logs, soils, unconsolidated rock materials, bolts, farm produce, road salt, manufacturer's concrete products, building materials which absorb moisture during delivery originating and terminating within the State, or dump trucks, tractor dump trucks or transit-mix concrete trucks carrying highway construction materials; or any vehicle loaded with a majority of products requiring refrigeration, whether by ice or mechanical equipment, and on such vehicles when inspected by the Maine State Police, the number of the seal shall be recorded and the number of the new seal shall be recorded by the Maine State Police, the operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded with raw ore from mine or quarry to place of processing shall not be deemed to be in violation if the gross weight of such vehicle does not exceed