

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

10 MRSA § 9002, sub-§ 7, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 550, § 1, is amended to read:

The term includes mobile homes, modular homes and any other type of building ~~or housing component~~ which is constructed at a manufacturing facility and then transported to a building site where it is utilized for housing and may be purchased or sold by a dealer in the interim.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 366

H. P. 1167 — L. D. 1435

AN ACT to Clarify the Interstate Corrections Compact.

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

34 MRSA § 1364, sub-§§ 2 and 3, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 344, are amended to read:

2. Contracts. Any contracts made with one of the other party states for the confinement of inmates in Maine ~~shall~~ **may** provide for cash payments for the costs of the confinement whenever the total days for inmates placed in Maine by that state exceeds by 200 the number of days for inmates placed by Maine in that state. **Otherwise, all contracts shall provide for an accrual of days earned by the respective states rather than cash payments.**

3. Inmates. The commissioner is authorized to accept an inmate for confinement in Maine ~~only if the inmate is or has been a resident of this State or members of the inmate's family are residents of this State or, if, in the opinion of the commissioner, the inmate has demonstrated other ties to this State which would justify the confinement, or the inmate's confinement in this State is in the best interests of the inmate or the State of Maine.~~

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 367

H. P. 1259 — L. D. 1507

AN ACT to Exclude Chainsaw and Skidder Allowances in the Computation of an

Employee's Average Weekly Wage under the Workers' Compensation Act.

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

39 MRSA § 2, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 480, § 1, is further amended to read:

A. "Average weekly wages, earnings or salary" of an injured employee shall be taken as the amount which he was receiving at the time of the injury for the hours and days constituting a regular full working week in the employment or occupation in which he was engaged when injured **except that this shall not include any allowance given to the employee by the employer for the purchase, maintenance or use of any chainsaws or skidders used in the employee's occupation**, provided such employment or occupation had continued on the part of the employer for at least 200 full working days during the year immediately preceding said injury. Except that in the case of piece workers and other employees whose wages during said year have generally varied from week to week, such wages shall be averaged in accordance with the method provided under paragraph B.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 368

H. P. 837 — L. D. 1041

AN ACT to Prohibit Rate Discrimination by Public Utilities.

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

35 MRSA § 102 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

No public utility providing electric or gas service may consider the use of solar energy by a customer as a basis for establishing higher rates or charges for energy or service sold to the customer.

Every public utility providing electric or gas service, upon reasonable notice, shall furnish to all persons who may apply for facilities and service suitable facilities and service consistent with policies approved or established by the commission, without undue delay and without unreasonable discrimination.

Effective September 14, 1979