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provided in existing structures and is incidental to the industrial or commercial project within the existing structure.

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## CHAPTER 531

H. P. 332 — L. D. 431

AN ACT Relating to Lending Institutions and Selection of Title Attorneys.

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

9-B MRSA § 439 is enacted to read:

### § 439. Attorneys

Every financial institution which accepts an application for a residential mortgage loan for one to 4 residential units and which requires that an attorney search the title of the subject real estate shall first permit the prospective mortgagor to select a qualified attorney of his own choice to search the title of the subject real estate, provided the financial institution may require the prospective mortgagor to provide it with adequate liability insurance or such other written policy requirements as the bank may deem necessary to protect its interests.

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## CHAPTER 532

H. P. 993 — L. D. 1230

AN ACT Relating to Potato Quality.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA § 951-A is enacted to read:

### § 951-A. Minimum standards for planting

No potato seed, the product of which is intended for sale, shall be planted in the State in lots of one or more acres unless that seed meets the minimum disease standards of Maine certified seed potatoes as defined by the commissioner. A person, firm or corporation that plants potatoes in violation of this section shall be subject to a fine of \$20 per acre for each acre or part of an acre planted in