

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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29 MRSA § 52-A, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 48, is further amended by adding after the 3rd sentence, a new sentence to read:

Those agents authorized to issue new registrations may also register trucks of greater gross weight after having satisfactorily participated in special training as prescribed by the Secretary of State.

Effective July 3, 1980

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## CHAPTER 592

H. P. 1605 — L. D. 1716

### AN ACT Clarifying the Authority of Municipalities to Acquire and Operate Water Systems.

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

Whereas, certain municipalities have previously acquired water systems; and

Whereas, other municipalities have an immediate need and intention to acquire and operate water systems; and

Whereas, the purchase of existing water companies or water systems by these municipalities is necessary to insure a continuing supply of pure wholesome water for the citizens of this State and a continuing source of water for fire protection for the safety of persons and property; and

Whereas, the purchase of existing water systems by municipalities will aid in obtaining grants and reduce the cost to the water users of compliance with the United States Safe Drinking Water Act, Public Law 93-523; 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:**

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 5102, sub-§ 9 is enacted to read:

9. **Water system.** Providing for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, enlargement, equipment, repair, maintenance and operation of a water system or part thereof, within or without, or partly within and partly without, the corporate limits of the municipality.

**Sec. 2. Validation.** The raising or appropriation of money, including the issuance of bonds or notes, by the following municipalities, cities or towns for the acquisition, operation and maintenance of water systems, including their purchase of water companies is hereby expressly validated, ratified, confirmed and approved: City of Calais; Town of Southwest Harbor; Town of Island Falls, Town of Washburn; Town of Fort Kent and Town of Eustis.

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

Effective February 21, 1980

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## CHAPTER 593

H. P. 1590 — L. D. 1700

**AN ACT to Require that Children who are under 15 Years of Age Wear Helmets when they are Passengers on Motorcycles or Operate Off-road Motorcycles or Motor Driven Cycles.**

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

29 MRSA § 1376 is enacted to read:

§ 1376. **Protective headgear for motorcycle riders and motor driven cycle riders who are minors**

Every person under the age of 15 years who rides as a passenger on a motorcycle or motor driven cycle or in a sidecar attached to a motorcycle or motor driven cycle or who operates an off-road motorcycle or motor driven cycle shall wear protective headgear conforming with those minimum standards of construction and performance which the Secretary of State may prescribe.

No operator of a motorcycle or motor driven cycle nor parent nor guardian may allow a passenger under the age of 15 years to ride in violation of this section.

No operator of an off-road motorcycle or motor driven cycle under the age of 15 years may ride in violation of this section.

Violation of this section is a civil violation for which a forfeiture of \$25 for the first violation and \$50 for each subsequent violation shall be adjudged.

Effective July 3, 1980