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STATE OF MAINE
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PUBLIC LAWS
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1. **Property to be considered abandoned.** Any property held by a museum or historical society within the State which is held for 25 years or more, and to which no person has made claim shall be deemed to be abandoned and, notwithstanding Title 33, chapter 27, shall become the property of the museum or society, provided that the museum or society has complied with subsection 2.

2. **Notice.** The museum or society shall first cause to be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the museum or society is located at least once a week for 2 consecutive weeks a notice and listing of the property. The notice shall contain:

A. The name and last known address, if any, of the last known owner of the property;

B. A description of the property;

C. A statement that if proof of claim is not presented by the owner to the museum or society and if the owner's right to receive the property is not established to the museum's or society's satisfaction within 65 days from the date of the 2nd published notice, the property will be deemed abandoned and shall become the property of the museum or society.

3. **Title to property.** If no claim has been made to the property within 65 days from the date of the 2nd published notice, title to the property shall vest in the museum or society, free from all claims of the owner and of all persons claiming through or under him.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 259

H. P. 1265 — L. D. 1480

AN ACT to Make more Equitable the Computation of the Spruce Budworm Project Excise Tax.

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

Whereas, the spruce budworm spray project for 1981 must be undertaken, in order to be effective, prior to the expiration of such 90-day period following adjournment; and

Whereas, it is necessary and appropriate to effectuate certain modifications in the manner in which spruce budworm spray projects and management programs are undertaken and financed; 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. 12 MRSA § 8406, sub-§ 1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 737, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Pre-project excise tax. The pre-project excise tax for 1981 shall be computed in the following manner:

A. The ratio of the planned spray acres for each landowner to the total planned spray acres for all landowners controlling 1% or more of the total planned spray acres in the project;

B. The ratio computed in paragraph A shall be multiplied by the estimate of total project cost provided in section 8405, subsection 1; and

C. The pre-project excise tax shall be assessed and billed by the State Tax Assessor within 30 days following the effective date of this subsection.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 8411, sub-§ 11 is enacted to read:

11. Charge for spraying services. The director shall charge the post-project spray tax for all acres sprayed on lands owned by any government or any agency, bureau or commission thereof.

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

Effective May 13, 1981

CHAPTER 260

H. P. 232 — L. D. 269

AN ACT to Require Interagency Licensing of Residential Facilities and Programs for Children.

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