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CHAPTER 332

H. P. 864 — L. D. 1025

AN ACT to Protect Privacy in Divorce and Child Custody Actions.

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

19 MRSA § 695 is enacted to read:

§ 695. Divorce or custody proceedings

1. **Exclusion of public.** In a divorce action or an action for child custody under this chapter, at the request of either party, personally or through his attorney, unless the other party who has entered an appearance objects personally or through his attorney, the court shall exclude the public from the court proceedings.

2. **Scope.** If the public is excluded under subsection 1, only the parties, their attorneys, court officers and witnesses may be present.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 333

H. P. 347 — L. D. 395

AN ACT Creating the Maine Clean Indoor Air Act.

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

22 MRSA § 1578 is enacted to read:

§ 1578. Smoking prohibited at public meetings

1. **Smoking prohibited.** No person may smoke tobacco or any other substance in any public proceedings which are held inside, except as otherwise provided in this section.

2. **Smoking defined.** "Smoking" includes carrying or having in one's possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other object giving off or containing any substance giving off smoke.

3. **Public proceedings defined.** "Public proceedings," as used in this section,