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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,

means the transactions of any functions affecting any or all citizens of the State by any of the following:

A. The Legislature and its committees and subcommittees;

B. Any board or commission of any state agency or authority, the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine and any of its committees and subcommittees, the Administrative Council of the University of Maine, the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy and any of its committees and subcommittees; and

C. Any board, commission, agency or authority of any county, municipality, school district or any other political or administrative subdivision.

4. No smoking signs posted. There shall be posted in conspicuous places where these public proceedings are held an adequate number of "no smoking" signs.

5. Exception. Smoking at a public proceeding shall be allowed, provided all members present have given their consent for others to smoke.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 334

S. P. 495 — L. D. 1395

AN ACT to Adopt Revised Standards for Access by the Handicapped to Certain Buildings.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 4593, sub-§ 1, first ¶, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 80, § 1, is further amended to read:

For any building or facility constructed specifically as a place of public accommodation on or after September 1, 1974, **but before January 1, 1982**, or when the estimated total costs for remodeling or enlarging an existing building exceeds \$250,000 **and the remodeling or enlarging is begun before January 1, 1982**, the following standards of construction shall be met.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 4593, sub-§ 2, as amended by PL 1975, c. 355, § 14, is further amended to read:

2. Places of employment. Existing places of employment or structures to be used for this purpose currently under construction or where proposed construction has been submitted for bid before September 1, 1974, are exempt