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service as an apprentice or helper electrician or at least 8,000 hours experience in electrical installations as defined in section 1101, and satisfactory completion of a program of study comprising 576 hours as approved by the Electricians' Examining Board. A graduate of a regional vocational high school 2-year electrical program approved by the Electricians' Examining Board shall be eligible to write the journeyman's examination, as long as he has worked for 8,000 hours in the field of electrical installations under the supervision of a master electrician or the equivalent. For a master electrician's license at least 4,000 hours service as a journeyman electrician or at least 12,000 hours service as an apprentice or helper electrician or at least 12,000 hours experience in electrical installation, as defined in section 1101, and completion of a course of not less than 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code, the course to be approved by the Electricians' Examining Board; and

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 384

H. P. 580 — L. D. 660

AN ACT Concerning the Rate of Return on Investment Factor under the Railroad Excise Tax.

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

36 MRSA § 2624, first ¶, next to the last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 470, is amended to read:

For purposes of railroad excise taxes payable in 1980 and, 1981 and 1982, based upon operations for the calendar years 1979 and, 1980 and 1981, "operating investment" shall also include freight car operating leases of 10 years or more, valued at cost less straight-line depreciation over the initial term of the lease.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 385

H. P. 594 — L. D. 671

AN ACT Relating to Student Expulsion.

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

20 MRSA § 473, sub-§ 5, as amended by PL 1975, c. 746, § 10, is further amended to read:

5. **Students expelled or suspended.** Expel any ~~obstinately~~ student who is ~~deliberately~~ disobedient ~~and or deliberately~~ disorderly ~~scholar~~ or for infractions of violence or possession, furnishing or trafficking of any scheduled drug as defined in Title 17-A, chapter 45 after a proper investigation of ~~his~~ the student's behavior, ~~and due process~~, if found necessary for the peace and usefulness of the school; and ~~restore~~ readmit him on satisfactory evidence of ~~his repentance and amendment~~ that the behavior which was the cause of the student being expelled will not likely recur. The school committee may authorize the principal to suspend students up to a maximum of 10 days for infractions of school rules;

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 386

H. P. 710 — L. D. 835

AN ACT to Clarify the Authority of Councils of Governments.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 1983, sub-§ 5 is enacted to read:

5. **Authority.** The council may, on behalf of one or more member municipalities and upon appropriate action of the governing bodies of one or more member municipalities, exercise any power, privilege or authority capable of exercise by a member municipality, except essential legislative powers, taxing authority or eminent domain power. This authority shall be in addition, and supplemental, to any other authority granted to municipalities by the general laws, and this chapter shall be liberally construed toward the end of enabling councils to implement municipal programs and services on behalf of member municipalities, while avoiding the creation of special districts or other legal or administrative entities to accomplish these purposes.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 1986, sub-§ 4 is enacted to read:

4. **Borrowing.** To accomplish the purposes of this chapter and for paying any indebtedness and any necessary expenses and liabilities incurred therefor, the council may borrow money and issue therefor its negotiable notes having such terms and provisions as the governing body of the council determines. The council may contract with one or more member municipalities for the receipt of funds to accomplish any of the purposes authorized by this chapter and may incur indebtedness in anticipation of the receipt of such funds by issuing its negotiable notes payable in not more than one year, which notes may be renewed from time to time by the issue of other notes, provided that no notes may be issued or renewed in an amount which at the time of issuance or renewal exceeds the amount of funds remaining to be paid under contracts with one or more member municipalities.

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