

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

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THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

December 9, 1981

AND

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AND AT THE

FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION

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paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever the written approval of the Attorney General is required by statute or court rule and the Attorney General either is unavailable to act upon the matter or has determined that it would be legally or ethically improper for him to do so, the required approval may be given by a deputy attorney general specifically authorized in writing by the Attorney General to act on his behalf in these situations.

Effective July 13, 1982.

CHAPTER 550

H.P. 1841 - L.D. 1836

AN ACT Regulating the Taking of Mahogany Quahogs.

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

12 MRSA §6731, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Personal use exception. Any person may take or possess no more than 3 bushels of mahogany quahogs for personal use in one day without a license.

Effective July 13, 1982.

CHAPTER 551

H.P. 1967 - L.D. 1942

AN ACT to Conform the Effective Date of the Maine Consumer Credit Code - Truth in Lending (Article VIII) and Certain Other Statutes to Federal Law.

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

Whereas, Congress has extended the effective date of the Truth-in-Lending Simplification and Reform Act from April 1, 1982 to October 1, 1982, which conflicts with the April 1, 1982 effective date of revisions to the Consumer Credit Code, Title 9-A, adopted last session; and

Whereas, if the deadline for compliance with these truth-in-lending revisions is not changed, Maine creditors will lose an advantage granted to creditors nationally; and

Whereas, the April 1, 1982 deadline is reflected in several other statutes so as to allow an efficient and orderly transition in the requirements pertaining to consumer credit agreements and forms; and

Whereas, it is inefficient and costly for creditors to make substantial changes in their consumer credit forms and agreements twice in one year; 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. 10 MRSA §1124, first ¶, as amended by PL 1981, c. 236, §1, is further amended to read:

After ~~April 1, 1982~~ October 1, 1982, every agreement shall be:

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1126, sub-§1, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1981, c. 236, §2, is further amended to read:

Before ~~April 1, 1982~~ October 1, 1982, within 60 days, and after ~~April 1, 1982~~ October 1, 1982, within 45 days, the bureau shall either certify the form as complying with the requirements of section 1124, or refuse to certify the form as complying, setting forth written reasons for its refusal.

Sec. 3. PL 1981, c. 243, §26 is amended to read:

Sec. 26. Transition provisions. This Act shall take effect on ~~April 1, 1982~~ October 1, 1982, except that until that date any creditor may comply with this Act, in accordance with the regulations of the administrator, prior to the effective date.

Sec. 4. PL 1981, c. 264, §2 is amended to read:

Sec. 2. **Effective date.** This Act shall apply to all consumer credit transactions entered into after ~~April 1,~~ 1982 October 1, 1982.

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

Effective February 25, 1982.

CHAPTER 552

H.P. 1741 - L.D. 1730

AN ACT Allowing Variations on Interest Reflecting
Conventional Interest Rates on Overdue Employer
Contributions to the Bureau of Employment Security.

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

26 MRSA §1225, sub-§3, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 651, §36, is further amended to read:

Contributions which are unpaid on the date on which they are due and payable, as prescribed by the commission, shall bear interest at the rate of 1% per month determined by the State Tax Assessor as established by Title 36, section 186, from and after the due date, until payment is received by the bureau.

Effective July 13, 1982.

CHAPTER 553

H.P. 1773 - L.D. 1763

AN ACT to Clarify the Deposit Authority and
Conversion Procedures of Savings and Loan
Associations.