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CHAPTER 575

H.P. 1775 - L.D. 1765

AN ACT to Establish a Uniform Hunting Season for Raccoons.

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

12 MRSA §7467 is enacted to read:

§7467. Raccoons

Any open season for hunting raccoons established by the commissioner shall be of uniform duration throughout the State.

Effective July 13, 1982.

CHAPTER 576

H.P. 1907 - L.D. 1882

AN ACT to Amend the Maine Traveler Information Services Act.

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

Whereas, the summer tourist season will begin before this legislation would normally take effect; and

Whereas, the improvements permitted by this legislation and proposed in new regulations drafted by the Department of Transportation will be of significant benefit to Maine businesses and the general public; and

Whereas, it is vital that the business community be able to avail itself of these benefits in time for its peak season; 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Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1903, sub-§12, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 318, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1904, sub-§3, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 318, §1, is amended to read:

The Travel Information Advisory Council shall have 8 9 members as follows: One representing the lodging industry, one representing the restaurant industry, one representing the recreational industry, one representing the Keep Maine Scenic Committee, one representing agriculture, one representing environmental organizations, one representing non-profit historical and cultural institutions, one representing sign design and fabrication artisans and one representing the general public.

Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §1906, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 318, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Agreements with municipalities. The commissioner may:

A. Enter into contractual or other arrangements with any municipality of this State providing for the erection of official business directional signs distinctive to that municipality upon finding that:

(1) The municipality has in effect an ordinance or regulation establishing a mandatory program of distinctive official business directional signs;

(2) The ordinance or regulation is administrable and enforceable and will be properly administered and enforced; and

(3) The ordinance or regulation is consistent with the policy and purposes of this chapter; and

B. Contract or arrange with any municipality for administration by that municipality within its boundaries of any appropriate matter under this chapter. Any

contract or arrangement made under this paragraph and any action taken pursuant to it shall comply with the policy and purposes of this chapter.

Whenever any of the conditions set forth in this subsection are no longer being met, the commissioner shall promptly resume the administration of the official business directional sign program under this chapter. The commissioner shall provide written notice of his action to the municipality and may require nonconforming signs to be removed immediately.

Sec. 4. 23 MRSA §1910, 2nd sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 318, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 23 MRSA §1911, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 318, §1, is amended to read:

2. Number limited. Notwithstanding section 1918, the commissioner shall not issue more than 6 licenses for official business directional signs for any one place of business, facility or point of interest eligible therefor under section 1909, not more than one such official business sign shall be visible to traffic moving in any one public way leading toward the place of business, facility or point of interest nor shall any license be issued for a sign located more than 10 miles radius from the place of business, facility or point of interest, ~~nor shall more than 2 licenses be issued to any one place of business, facility or point of interest for signs of the maximum size specified under section 1910.~~

Sec. 6. 23 MRSA §1913, as amended by PL 1981, c. 311, §§1 and 2 and as repealed by PL 1981, c. 318, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 7. 23 MRSA §1921, 2nd sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 318, §4, is amended to read:

The commissioner may implement the removal of signs for which compensation is paid on an area by area basis, provided all signs from which compensation is paid shall be removed within 4 years from the effective date of this chapter by January 1, 1982 if federal funds are sufficient under section 1915.

Sec. 8. 23 MRSA §1924, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 318, §4, is amended to read:

3. Existing directional signs. Upon implementation of this chapter, the commissioner may remove, or require to be removed, any existing directional sign erected and main-

tained pursuant to section 1153, Title 32, section 2722 prior to its repeal, and any sign erected and maintained pursuant to Title 32, section 2715 prior to its repeal, which does not qualify as an on-premise sign as defined by section 1914, or as an official business directional sign as defined by this chapter, no later than 6 years after January 1, 1978.

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

Effective March 12, 1982.

CHAPTER 577

H.P. 1728 - L.D. 1713

AN ACT to Adjust the Fees for Licenses of the Electricians' Examining Board.

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §653, sub-§2, ¶B, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 340, §2, is amended to read:

The Electricians' Examining Board may issue an apprentice license upon payment of a fee of ~~\$2~~ \$10 to any person who applies therefor, without examination, provided the applicant submits evidence satisfactory to the board that he is under the supervision of a licensed operator and that he has the consent of the theater owner.

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §653, sub-§3, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 340, §2, is amended to read:

Applicants for an operator's license shall present to the executive secretary of the Electricians' Examining Board a written application for examination and license, containing such information as the board may require, accompanied by the required fee of ~~\$10~~ \$20.

Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §653, sub-§4, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 340, §2, is amended to read: