

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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AS PASSED BY THE

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Sec. 11. 32 MRSA §1203, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 363, is amended to read:

The following applicants for license shall present to the executive secretary of the board a written application for examination and license, containing such information as the board may require, accompanied by the required fee of \$25 \$50 for a master electrician's license, \$40 \$20 for a journeyman's license and \$15 \$30 for a limited electrician's license.

Sec. 12. 32 MRSA §1707, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 302, §5, is further amended to read:

§1707. Lightning rod manufacturer's and salesman's licenses

The biennial fee for issuing or renewing a license to a lightning rod manufacturer shall be \$40 \$80. The biennial fee for issuing or renewing a license to a lightning rod salesman shall be \$5 \$15.

Effective July 13, 1982.

CHAPTER 578

H.P. 1776 - L.D. 1766

AN ACT to Require Removal of Motor Vehicles from Great Ponds, Rivers and Streams.

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

17 MRSA §2267-A is enacted to read:

§2267-A. Submerged motor vehicles in waters of the State

The following provisions apply when a motor vehicle is submerged or partially submerged in waters of the State.

1. Definition. When used in this section the term "motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle designed to carry persons or property or used to transport persons, except snowmobiles and motor boats.

2. Notice of submerged vehicle to be given to department. The owner of any motor vehicle which becomes submerged or partially submerged in the waters of the State, shall immediately, by the fastest means of communication, notify the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife of the event and the location of the vehicle.

The commissioner shall, upon receiving notice of a submerged or partially submerged vehicle, notify the Chief of the State Police, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and any municipality or public utility which regulates the uses of the waters as a source of public water supply pursuant to Title 22, sections 2641 to 2648.

3. Owner legally liable to remove vehicle. The owner of the vehicle shall be legally liable to remove any motor vehicle submerged or partially submerged in the waters of the State and pay any damages resulting from the submersion or removal. The vehicle shall be removed within 30 days of the submersion or partial submersion or within 30 days of "ice out" in the body of water unless the commissioner determines that the vehicle creates a health or safety hazard. If the commissioner determines that the vehicle creates a health or safety hazard he shall order the owner to remove the vehicle immediately. If the owner fails to remove the vehicle upon order of the commissioner, the commissioner shall, in writing, request the court to direct the owner to remove the vehicle immediately.

4. Financial responsibility. A conviction or adjudication of any person for a violation of this section shall constitute a violation of state law relative to motor vehicles to which Title 29, chapter 9 applies.

5. Penalties. A conviction or adjudication of any person for a violation of this section is a civil violation for which a forfeiture of \$200 may be adjudged. In addition to a forfeiture, or instead of a forfeiture, the judge may direct the person convicted to remove the vehicle.

6. Rules. The commissioner may, in accordance with the provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, promulgate any rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.