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CHAPTER 586

H.P. 1735 - L.D. 1720

AN ACT to Clarify Certain Provisions of the Public Advocates Statutes.

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

35 MRSA §1-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 479, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Service. The professional employees of the Public Advocate shall serve during the pleasure of the Public Advocate; all other employees of the Public Advocate shall be subject to the Personnel Law.

Effective July 13, 1982.

CHAPTER 587

H.P. 1819 - L.D. 1804

AN ACT Related to Handicapped Parking in Municipalities.

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

30 MRSA §2151, sub-§2, ¶K is enacted to read:

K. Providing for the establishment and policing of parking spaces designated for handicapped persons. A municipality with off-street public parking areas may set aside an adequate number of these spaces for use by handicapped persons. A municipality with on-street public parking spaces may set aside an adequate number of these spaces in appropriate locations for use by handicapped persons. There shall be adjacent to and visible from each handicapped parking space a posted

sign consisting of a profile view of a wheelchair with occupant in white on a blue background and bearing the following warning: "Handicapped Parking: Special Plate Required. Unauthorized vehicles are subject to a fine." Any vehicle parked in a parking space designated by a municipality as a handicapped parking space that does not bear a special registration plate or placard issued under Title 29, section 252, or a similar plate issued by another state, shall be cited for a penalty not to exceed \$25 unless otherwise established by local ordinance. Owners of private off-street parking may enter into agreements with local or county law enforcement agencies for the policing of stalls and spaces dedicated for handicapped persons' vehicles, under which agreements unauthorized vehicles shall be tagged.

Effective July 13, 1982.

CHAPTER 588

H.P. 2075 - L.D. 2018

AN ACT Relating to Maintenance and Snow Removal in Compact Areas.

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

Whereas, legislation is required to minimize the impact of the 1980 census on certain municipalities; 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 §754, 1st sentence, as amended by PL 1971, c. 593, §22, is further amended to read:

Except as otherwise provided, all state and state aid