

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## CHAPTER 696

H.P. 2185 - L.D. 2071

### AN ACT to Clarify and Make Corrections in the Motor Vehicle Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1, sub-§22, as amended by PL 1981, c. 437, §1, is further amended to read:

22. Wrecker. "Wrecker" means a motor vehicle with hoisting apparatus and special equipment designed and used for towing wrecked or disabled vehicles or freeing vehicles stalled or stuck in snow, mud or sand and shall not include any vehicle designed to carry more than one vehicle upon its own body.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §52, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 559, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Any motor vehicle inspector appointed under this section shall have the duty and all necessary authority to enforce the provisions of chapter 5, subchapter III-A and chapters 7, 15 and 21 and to enforce all rules promulgated to implement these provisions. Enforcement power as it relates to this section shall not include provisions under section 1368, subsection 2 and shall not be considered as having authority to make routine motor vehicle stops on the highways of the State.

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §354, sub-§1, ¶H, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 437, §10, is amended to read:

This paragraph does not apply to any vehicle which, by design, exceeds 10,000 pounds without a load, such as large trucks and trucks with permanently attached equipment and dealer wreckers registered pursuant to subsection 3.

Sec. 4. 29 MRSA §354, sub-§3, 2nd sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 437, §1, is amended to read:

Any wrecker to which a specially designed wrecker plate has

been attached may not be used in connection with a commercial towing business nor exceed 24,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.

Sec. 5. 29 MRSA §363, 3rd sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 529, §1, is amended to read:

If, at the end of this 20-day initial period, a Maine resident who is unable to comply with the requirements of chapter 21 and a nonresident serviceman who has applied for, but not yet received, a registration certificate from his home state, the Secretary of State may further extend this period without charge for not more than 20 additional days.

Sec. 6. 29 MRSA §532, 3rd ¶, first sentence, as amended by PL 1971, c. 360, §25, is further amended to read:

The motorcycle or motor driven cycle or moped learner's permit, when issued, will be valid for a period of 120 days one year.

Sec. 7. 29 MRSA §532, 3rd ¶, 2nd sentence is amended to read:

Failure to complete the driving test within 120 days of one year from issue date of permit will require reexamination for the permit.

Sec. 8. 29 MRSA §2377, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 110, §34, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. The identification number of the vehicle and its component parts are inspected for identity, and the vehicle is able to pass a safety inspection in accordance with the Maine vehicle inspection laws before the vehicle may be offered, advertised or exposed for sale;

Effective July 13, 1982.

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## CHAPTER 697

H.P. 2275 - L.D. 2122

AN ACT to Amend the Electric Rate Reform  
Act to Require the Public Utilities  
Commission to Consider Utility  
Financing of Energy Conservation.