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STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC LAWS
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that of the Superior Court, of actions to quiet title to real estate under Title 36, section 946, and in such actions the District Court may grant equitable relief, of actions to foreclose mortgages under Title 14, chapter 713, subchapter VI; and of mental health commitment hearings under Title 34, chapter 191, subchapter III, and of mental retardation certification hearings under Title 34, chapter 229; and of small claims actions under Title 14, chapter 738, and in these actions the District Court may grant equitable relief. This limitation as to damages shall not apply in any action of divorce, annulment or separation of marriage or in any action to enforce judgment of support or alimony. Actions for divorce, annulment or separation may be remanded, upon agreement of the parties, from the Superior Court to the District Court in accordance with rules promulgated by the Supreme Judicial Court. An action so remanded shall remain in the District Court, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereafter, subject to the rights of appeal to the Superior Court as to matters of law.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §213, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1979, c. 451, is further amended to read:

1. Court action. Any person who purchases or leases goods, services or property, real or personal, primarily for personal, family or household purposes and thereby suffers any loss of money or property, real or personal, as a result of the use or employment by another person of a method, act or practice declared unlawful by section 207 or by any rule or regulation issued under section 207, subsection 2 may bring an action either in the Superior Court or District Court for restitution and for such other equitable relief, including an injunction, as the court may deem to be necessary and proper. There shall be a right to trial by jury in any action brought in Superior Court under this section.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 30

H.P. 620 - L.D. 746

AN ACT to Clarify the Determination of
Axles on Motor Farm Trucks.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §246, 3rd ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c. 247, is further amended to read:

The annual fee for registration of farm motor trucks, having 2 or 3 axles other than so-called dolly axles falling under section 1652, subsection 4, paragraph A, subparagraph (6), or farm motor trucks having 2 or 3 axles towing a trailer or semitrailer when such those trucks are used primarily for transportation of agricultural commodities, supplies or equipment to be used in connection with the operation of a farm or farms owned, operated or occupied by the registrant, shall be as follows:

From 0 pounds gross weight to 6,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 15
From 6,001 pounds gross weight to 9,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 18
From 9,001 pounds gross weight to 11,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 21
From 11,001 pounds gross weight to 14,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 32
From 14,001 pounds gross weight to 16,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 43
From 16,001 pounds gross weight to 18,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 64
From 18,001 pounds gross weight to 20,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 75
From 20,001 pounds gross weight to 23,000 pounds gross weight	\$ 90
From 23,001 pounds gross weight to 26,000 pounds gross weight	\$105
From 26,001 pounds gross weight to 29,000 pounds gross weight	\$125
From 29,001 pounds gross weight to 32,000 pounds gross weight	\$140
From 32,001 pounds gross weight to 35,000 pounds gross weight	\$200
From 35,001 pounds gross weight to 38,000 pounds gross weight	\$220
From 38,001 pounds gross weight to 42,000 pounds gross weight	\$240

From 42,001 pounds gross weight to 46,000 pounds gross weight \$260

From 46,001 pounds gross weight to 50,000 pounds gross weight \$280

From 50,001 pounds gross weight to 54,000 pounds gross weight \$300

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §246, as amended by PL 1981, c. 492, Pt. A, §5, is further amended by adding after the 3rd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

The maximum registered weight of a farm motor truck shall not exceed 54,000 pounds. The fine for a violation of the registered gross weight of a farm motor truck shall be the difference between the fee for a farm motor truck and a commercially registered motor truck, tractor or truck tractor within the category of the actual weight at the time of the violation.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 31

H.P. 621 - L.D. 747

AN ACT to Permit the Use of Illuminated Signs on Motor Trucks, Semitrailers and Truck Tractors.

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

29 MRSA §1374, as amended by PL 1979, c. 127, §167, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1374. Advertisements on motor vehicles

No person, firm or corporation may operate or cause to be operated on public highways and streets any motor vehicle to which is affixed any advertisement that is illuminated, except as provided in this section.

For purposes of vehicle identification, in addition to the provisions of section 1403, any motor truck, truck tractor or semitrailer may display an illuminated sign in accordance with rules adopted by the Commissioner of Public Safety according to the