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applicable statute, shall be is guilty of a Class E crime.

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CHAPTER 119

H.P. 524 - L.D. 649

AN ACT to Prohibit Skiing in Out-of-bounds Areas.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §472, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 543, §4, is amended to read:

13. <u>Skier</u>. "Skier" shall mean means any person while wearing skies <u>skis</u>, and any person while actually on a ski slope or trail located at a ski area for the purpose of skiing, including those persons engaged in cross-country, nordic or norpine skiing.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §489, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 514, §4, is amended to read:

4. <u>Closed trails</u>. Ski or otherwise use a slope or trail which has been designated "closed" by the operator without written permission of the operator or his designee; **er**

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §489, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 514, §5, is amended to read:

5. <u>Removal or destruction of signs</u>. Remove, alter, deface or destroy any sign or notice placed in the ski area or on the trail by the operator; or

Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §489, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Out-of-bounds areas. Ski or otherwise use any portion of the ski area that is not a part of a regular network of trails or areas open to the public, including wooded areas between trails, undeveloped areas and all other portions not open to the public, if the operator has properly posted these areas as being closed to public access.

Sec. 5. 26 MRSA \$490, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 543, \$4, is amended by adding at the end a new para-

graph to read:

In the event that it is necessary to commence a rescue operation as a result of a violation of section 489, subsection 6, any person who has committed the violation will be liable for the cost of that rescue operation.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 120

H.P. 666 - L.D. 849

AN ACT to Strengthen the Enforcement of the Collection Agency Law.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §573, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1971, c. 81, §2, is further amended to read:

2. <u>Penalty</u>. Any person who shall carry on business as a collection agency without first having obtained a license pursuant to this section, or who shall carry on such business after the revocation, suspension or expiration of any license, or who shall perform duties relating to the conduct of a collection agency on behalf of another person as an officer, director, employee, agent or in any other capacity unless the other person has first obtained a license which has not expired nor been revoked or suspended shall be guilty of a misdemeaner and punished by a fine net exceeding \$500 or by imprisonment net exceeding 6 months, or by both Class E crime.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §573, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Change in ownership. A change in ownership of a corporation, or a change in the identity of a majority of the partners in a partnership, shall require a new application under this section.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §576-A is enacted to read:

§576-A. Civil penalty

The superintendent may, through the Attorney General, bring a civil action for a penalty not to exceed \$5,000 against any person who violates the