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STATE OF MAINE

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PUBLIC LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED AT THE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

and

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

of the

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

1983

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1, sub-§3-F is enacted to read:

3-F. Fish truck. Fish truck means any 2-axle or 3-axle motor truck used primarily to harvest and transport fish or any marine animals, including use in conjunction with aquaculture.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §2506, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Fish trucks. Fish trucks, as defined in section 1, subsection 3-F, that are operated within a 20-mile radius of the community where excise tax on the truck is paid. Fish trucks qualifying under this subsection shall be submitted to a partial inspection consisting of the running gear, steering mechanism, brakes, exhaust system and lights.

A. Any fish truck subject to partial inspection shall bear the name of the town in which the excise tax is paid in 4-inch letters on the left door of the cab of the truck.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 362

H.P. 1209 - L.D. 1603

AN ACT Related to Unauthorized Taking
of Agricultural Products.

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §7551-A is enacted to read:

§7551-A. Definitions

As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Agricultural product. "Agricultural product" means crops produced and livestock raised as a result of cultivating the soil and harvesting. Agricultural products include, but are not limited to, vegetables, fruit, forages, grain, nuts, berries, flowers, ornamental plants, nursery crops, milk, dairy products,

eggs, domestic livestock and other products in varying degrees of preparation. Agricultural products also include the soil amendments and by-products which are used in cultivation.

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §7552, as amended by PL 1977, c. 313, §1, is further amended to read:

§7552. Injury to lands or property

Whoever cuts down, destroys, injures or carries away any ornamental or fruit tree, Christmas tree, evergreen boughs, agricultural product, timber, wood, underwood, stones, gravel, ore, goods or property of any kind from land not his own, without license of the owner, or injures or throws down any fences, bars or gates, or leaves such gates open, or breaks glass in any building is liable in damages to the owner in a civil action. If such an act or such acts are committed committed willfully or knowingly, the defendant is liable to the owner in treble damages and, in addition, for the cost of any professional services necessary for the determination of damages, for attorney's fees, and for court costs. For purposes of this section, Christmas trees and evergreen boughs are defined in Title 12, section 8841, and agricultural product is defined in section 7551-A.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 363

S.P. 555 - L.D. 1614

AN ACT Making Allocations Related to the
Alcoholism Prevention, Education, Treatment
and Research Fund for the Expenditures of
State Government for the Fiscal Year
Ending June 30, 1984.

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

Whereas, the 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of the departments will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1983; and