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§2420. Sunset

This chapter is repealed on December 31, 1987.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 424

S.P. 475 - L.D. 1441

AN ACT to Permit the Location of
Manufactured Housing on Individual
House Lots.

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

30 MRSA §4965 is enacted to read:

§4965. Regulation of manufactured housing

1. Definitions. As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Manufactured housing" means a structural unit or units designed for occupancy, and constructed in a manufacturing facility and then transported by the use of its own chassis, or placed on an independent chassis, to a building site. The term includes any type of building which is constructed at a manufacturing facility and then transported to a building site where it is utilized for housing and may be purchased or sold by a dealer in the interim. For purposes of this section, 2 types of manufactured housing are included. They are:

(1) Those units constructed after June 15, 1976, commonly called "newer mobile homes," which the manufacturer certifies are constructed in compliance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development standards, meaning structures, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, are 14 body feet or more in width and are 750 or more square feet, and which are built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as dwellings, with or without permanent foundations, when connected to the required utili-

ties, including the plumbing, heating, air conditioning and electrical systems contained therein; except that the term shall include any structure which meets all the requirements of this paragraph, except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and complies with the standards established under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, United States Code, Title 42, Section 5401, et seq.; and

(2) Those units commonly called "modular homes," which the manufacturer certifies are constructed in compliance with the state's Manufactured Housing Act and regulations, meaning structures, transportable in one or more sections, which are not constructed on a permanent chassis and are designed to be used as dwellings on foundations when connected to required utilities, including the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning or electrical systems contained therein.

B. "Mobile home park" means a parcel of land under unified ownership approved by the municipality for the placement of manufactured housing.

C. "Mobile home subdivision or development" means a parcel of land approved by the municipal reviewing authority under section 4956, for the placement of manufactured houses on individually-owned lots.

2. Location of manufactured housing. Municipalities shall permit manufactured housing, as defined in this section, to be placed or erected on individual house lots in a number of locations on undeveloped lots where single-family dwellings are allowed, subject to the same requirements as single-family dwellings, except as otherwise provided in this section. For the locations required by this section, municipal ordinances may not require that manufactured housing on individual lots be greater than 14 feet in width, although municipalities may establish design criteria, including, but not limited to, a pitched, shingled roof; a permanent foundation; and exterior siding that is residential in appearance, provided that the requirements do not have the effect of circumventing the purposes of this section. It shall not constitute compliance with this section simply to provide one or more zones or locations where mobile home parks or mobile home subdivisions or developments are allowed. Municipalities shall

have until January 1, 1985, to comply with this section. Nothing in this section may prohibit municipalities from establishing controls on manufactured housing which are less restrictive than are permitted by this section.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 425

H.P. 197 - L.D. 241

AN ACT to Clarify the Election Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §1, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:

7-A. Closed period. "Closed period" means that time period when the registrar shall accept only voter registration applications in person.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §102-A, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Design of application. The Secretary of State shall design the application so that it may be mailed in the manner of a postcard.

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA §103-A, sub-§1, as reallocated by PL 1977, c. 696, §176, is amended to read:

1. Application. A person qualified to register as provided in section 241, subsections 1 to 3, who is outside the United States may register by filing a federal postcard application or an application designed by the Secretary of State and provided by the registrar, containing the following information:

A. First name, middle name or initial and last name, or first name or initial, middle name and last name;

B. Legal address, including street, street number, apartment number, town, county and zip code;

C. Mailing address;

D. Date of birth;