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Effective July 25, 1984.

CHAPTER 664

H.P. 1550 - L.D. 2040

AN ACT to Clarify the Right of Municipalities to Establish a Probationary Period for Employees.

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

30 MRSA §2256, as amended by PL 1979, c. 218, §2, is further amended to read:

§2256. Municipal functions

In addition to those offices and departments required by general law, a municipality may provide, by ordinance, for the performance of all necessary municipal functions. Except where specifically provided by statute, municipal charter or municipal ordinance, the municipal officers shall appoint all town officials and employees required by general law, by municipal charter or by municipal ordinance and may remove such officials and employees for cause, after notice and hearing. Except as specifically provided otherwise by charter or ordinance, any reference to cause and hearing in this Title shall only apply to an employee who has completed a reasonable period of probation as established by the municipality. Such periods of probation shall never exceed 6 calendar months or the length of time in effect in a municipality on January 1, 1984, whichever is greater. Unless otherwise specified, the term of all municipal officials shall be one year.

Effective July 25, 1984.

CHAPTER 665

H.P. 1556 - L.D. 2057

AN ACT Relating to Conveyance of Rolled Bales of Hay.

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

29 MRSA §1701, as amended by PL 1983, c. 94, Pt. B, §19, is further amended to read:

§1701. Height and width restrictions

No vehicle which, with or without load, is wider than 102 inches over all may be operated upon any way or bridge. In those cases in which firewood, pulpwood or bolts are piled in tiers from the front to rear of the body of a vehicle, a strip of wood or metal 3 inches thick shall extend along the sides of the platform, from front to rear, securely fastened to the platform of the vehicle in order that the load shall pitch to the center of that vehicle, except that those vehicles may substitute for this 3-inch strip, 2 chains, wire rope, steel cable binders or web straps, or any combination thereof. These chains, wire ropes, steel cables or web straps shall meet the specifications set forth in section 1751 and shall be held firmly in place and properly spaced to secure the load. Each vehicle so loaded shall carry a solid-boarded tailboard or 5 stakes evenly spaced of sufficient strength to maintain the weight of the load, and the load at no place along its length shall be higher than the tailboard or stakes. No vehicle any structural part of which, permanent or temporary, is more than 13 feet 6 inches in height, measured vertically from a plane and level surface of ground or pavement may be operated upon any way or bridge. The load on any vehicle may extend 6 inches above the maximum permissible structural height of the vehicle. No vehicle may be operated over any section of a way or bridge which does not afford adequate structural overhead clearance. No portion of any vehicle or load, except the reflecting mirror required by this Title, may project beyond the side of such vehicle to make a total width greater than specified in this section. This section shall not apply to snow plows and equipment used exclusively for the removal of snow from public ways or to construction equipment the uses of which are confined to the limits of highway and bridge construction projects. This section shall not be construed as limiting the width of a load of loose hay, pea vines or cornstalks.

Rolled baled hay may be loaded on vehicles not to exceed 11 feet in width when transported on vehicles within a 20-mile radius of the farm on which the hay is harvested or to be stored. Vehicles used for the transportation of rolled baled hay, in accordance

with this section, shall not be operated on any public way during the period from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.

Effective July 25, 1984.

CHAPTER 666

S.P. 684 - L.D. 1891

AN ACT to Identify Polychlorinated Biphenyls as Hazardous Waste.

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

38 MRSA §1303-A, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. In addition to hazardous waste identified under paragraphs A and B, the Legislature identifies the following chemicals, materials, substances or waste as being hazardous waste:

(1) Polychlorinated biphenyls and any substance containing polychlorinated biphenyls.

Effective July 25, 1984.

CHAPTER 667

S.P. 693 - L.D. 1925

AN ACT Concerning the Speed Limit for School Buses.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1252, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 1975, c. 252, §12, is further amended to read:

E. Speed of mobile homes, however drawn, in excess of 45 miles an hour in the daytime or nighttime shall be unlawful; and

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §1252, sub-§2, ¶F is repealed and the following enacted in its place: