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CHAPTER 115

AN ACT to Amend the Open Season Fishing Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7552, sub-§5, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is amended to read:

D. The commissioner may issue a rule establishing an annual opening date as the last Saturday of April on waters reclaimed by the removal of rough fish; <u>and</u>

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7552, sub-§5, ¶F, as amended by PL 1983, c. 274, §2, is repealed.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 116

H.P. 1021 – L.D. 1374

AN ACT to Establish a Resident Small Game Hunting License.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7101, sub-§5, ¶B-1 is enacted to read:

B-1. Resident small game hunting license \$8

(16 years of age or older)

(Permits hunting of all legal species, except deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon and bobcat)

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7101, sub-§5, ¶F, as repealed and replaced by PL 1983, c. 807, Pt. P, §3, is repealed and the following enacted to read:

F. Nonresident small game hunting license \$47

(Permits hunting of all legal species, except deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon and bobcat)

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 117

H.P. 116 - L.D. 141

AN ACT to Amend the Laws Concerning Extension of Motor Vehicle Registration Expiration Dates.

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

Whereas, the Secretary of State has determined that this legislative measure is necessary to curb abuse of tardy renewals of automobile registrations; and

Whereas, timely observance of the State's registration requirements is required to ensure full compliance with the responsibilities involved in operating a motor vehicle in the State; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

29 MRSA §106, sub-§2, ¶B, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 664, is amended to read:

B. Except as herein provided, when application for registration of an automobile, motor truck, or truck tractor is made after the registration for the previous year has been the expired for more than 30 days, the expiration date of the renewal shall be at the end of the month, one year from the month of issuance of the previous registration. If the applicant provides satisfactory evidence and certifies in writing to the Secretary of State that the vehicle has not been operated on a public way during the period of the expired registration, the registration expiration date, upon renewal, is at the end of the month one year from the month of issuance of the registration renewal.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective May 12, 1987.

CHAPTER 118

H.P. 1022 - L.D. 1376

AN ACT Concerning Inspection, Registration and Abandonment of Dams.

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §817, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 417, §6, is amended to read:

3. <u>Dam.</u> "Dam" means any man-made artificial barrier, including appurtenant works, the site on which it is located and appurtenant rights of flowage and access, which impounds or diverts a river, stream or great pond and which is 2 feet or more in height and has an impounding capacity at maximum water storage elevation of 15 acre feet <u>15 acre-feet</u> or more. Any such artificial barrier constructed solely for the purpose of impounding