

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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for many years; and

Whereas, the Maine Federation of Garden Clubs is an organization which has given countless volunteer hours beautifying the municipal, recreational and open spaces of Maine towns and cities; and

Whereas, the National Council of State Garden Clubs has asked the Maine Federation of Garden Clubs to join with other states in seeking legislation to establish the first full week of June as Garden Week by June, 1987; 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:

1 MRSA §128 is enacted to read:

§128. Garden Week

Garden Week shall be established as the first full week of June of each year and the Governor shall annually issue a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State to observe the week with appropriate celebration and activities.

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

Effective June 5, 1987.

CHAPTER 227

H.P. 799 — L.D. 1073

AN ACT to Require that Loads of Gravel, Sand, Crushed Stone, Wood Chips, Building Debris or Rubbish be Secure to Prevent Spillage.

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

29 MRSA §1752, as amended by PL 1977, c. 32, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

No person may operate or cause to be operated upon any public way a vehicle with a load of gravel, sand, crushed stone, rubbish, wood chips, building debris or trash, unless the load is covered or otherwise secured or confined to prevent any portion of the load from falling from or spilling out of the vehicle.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 228

H.P. 1106 — L.D. 1498

AN ACT to Provide Special License Plates and Decals for People with Hearing Impairments.

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

29 MRSA §252-F is enacted to read:

§252-F. Hearing-impaired persons; special designating placards

The Secretary of State, on application, shall issue a hearing-impaired placard to any person who is hearing impaired when that application is accompanied by a form, available from the Division of Deafness, Bureau of Rehabilitation, certified by a physician or an audiologist stating that the applicant is hearing impaired and cannot hear or understand normal speech. The placard shall be displayed in a conspicuous location in the vehicle as near to the operator as possible without obstructing the view of the operator. The fee for the placard shall be \$1.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 229

S.P. 541 — L.D. 1636

AN ACT to Limit the Administrative Charge on Sales of New Motor Vehicles to the Actual Administrative Cost.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §345, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Additional charges. Vehicle dealers licensed pursuant to this subsection shall not charge for any extra charge, preparation service or optional equipment, as defined in this subsection, unless such charge is accurately described and clearly posted on the motor vehicle to which the charge applies.

A. "Extra charge" means any consumer charge listed or requested by the dealer for the purchase of a new motor vehicle which is not included in the manufacturer's suggested retail price of that vehicle.

B. "Preparation service" means any adjustment, inspection, testing, repair, replacement of parts, cleaning, polishing or other labor done with the purpose of preparing a new motor vehicle for sale that is performed by the dealer without prior written authorization of the purchaser.