

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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1987

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**PUBLIC LAWS**

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collectors, or such other persons as a municipality may designate to collect excise taxes on vehicles, as agents to receive applications for the registration and the renewal of registrations of motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers. Municipal agents so appointed may be authorized to issue both registrations and renewals of registrations, or their authority may be limited to the issuance of renewals only. Those agents authorized to issue both registrations and renewals may issue registrations for trucks not registered for over 6,000 pounds g.v.w., automobiles, trailers, semitrailers and farm tractors, and may issue renewals for automobiles, trailers, semitrailers, trucks and farm tractors in which there is no change from the previous registration in the status of the vehicle to include the registered gross weight, axles or any other change in the status defined by the Secretary of State, provided these vehicles are not for hire. Those agents authorized to issue new registrations may also register trucks of greater gross weight after having satisfactorily participated in special training as prescribed by the Secretary of State. Agents authorized to issue renewals only may issue renewals for automobiles, trailers, semitrailers, trucks and farm tractors in which there is no change from the previous registration in the status of the vehicle to include the registered gross weight, axles or any other change in status defined by the Secretary of State, provided these vehicles are not for hire. Agents may also issue renewals for school buses operated by school administrative units or private contractors. The agents may charge any applicant a fee not to exceed \$1 over and above the required registration fee for each renewal issued and a fee not to exceed \$2 in the case of each new registration issued, the service charges to be retained by the municipality.

Effective September 29, 1987.

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## CHAPTER 263

S.P. 501 — L.D. 1518

### AN ACT to Clarify the Law Regarding Prohibition of Employment Penalties or Interference Against State Military Force Members.

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

Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §342, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1983, c. 594, §17, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

5. Employment; leave of absence. It is unlawful for any public or private employer to penalize any member of the state military forces, including the Maine Army and Air National Guard, with regard to compensation, hiring, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment or to take any other incident or advantage of employment due to the employee's membership or participation in the state military forces.

A. Any person, including an employer described in this subsection, who willfully deprives a member of the state military forces, including the Maine Army and Air National Guard, of his employment, prevents his employment, interferes with his employment rights as described in this subsection, or otherwise obstructs him or his employer with respect to his occupation or business because of his membership in the state military forces, or who dissuades any person from enlisting in the state military forces by threat of injury to his occupation or business, is guilty of a Class E crime.

B. All officials and employees of the State who are members of the state military forces, or reserves of the United States Armed Forces, shall have a leave of absence from their respective duties, without loss of pay or time, when engaged in all annual training duty days authorized by the Governor or under federal laws and regulations and without loss of time or leave on all inactive duty, full-time training duty and active duty training days during which the members are so engaged.

Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §403, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 460, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Active member. All members of the state military forces who are not in federal active service under the United States Code, Title 10, are subject to the Maine Code of Military Justice.

A. This code applies to members of the state military forces serving out-of-state and while going to and returning from service out-of-state to the same extent as a person serving within the State.

B. Offenses committed outside the State may be tried and punished either inside or outside the State subject to section 418.

Effective September 29, 1987.

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## CHAPTER 264

S.P. 560 — L.D. 1673

### AN ACT Concerning Liability Insurance Coverage for Amusement Devices.

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

8 MRSA §502, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1983, c. 328, is further amended to read:

No traveling circus, traveling amusement show or amusement device shall ~~may~~ operate or exhibit any parade, show or entertainment in this State without first paying a license fee for each calendar year. Application for the license shall be made to the Commissioner of Pub-