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CHAPTER 509

H.P. 1171 — L.D. 1597

AN ACT to Establish the Well Water Information Law.

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

12 MRSA c. 201-B is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 201-B

WATER WELLS

§550-B. Water well information

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

A. "Well" means any hole constructed by any method for the purpose of extracting water from below the ground.

B. "Well contractor" means any person, company, firm, partnership or corporation engaged in the business of constructing water wells.

2. Exemptions. Wells for which data reports are already required by any state agency are exempt from the reporting requirements of this chapter.

3. Water well information documentation. Completion reports shall be filed according to this subsection.

A. Within 180 days after completion of any well or dry hole, or the enlarging or deepening of an existing well, a well contractor shall submit a report to the Maine Geological Survey, on forms designed and provided by the Maine Geological Survey. The report shall contain information as may be required by the Maine Geological Survey, including, but not limited to, location, construction and well yield.

B. Any well contractor who has engaged in the construction of water wells, but who has not submitted well completion reports on a timely basis as required by this chapter, shall be in violation of this chapter.

4. Compliance with other laws and rules. Notwithstanding the provisions set forth in this chapter, all wells are to be constructed and maintained in accordance with all other laws and rules in effect.

5. Penalties. Any person, company, firm, partnership or corporation, who violates any standard or provision of this chapter, commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$500 may be adjudged. In addition to other civil remedies, the court may issue an injunction.

6. Information use. Information collected by the Maine Geological Survey under this chapter is exempt from Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter I. The Maine Geological Survey shall make information collected under this chapter available to any federal, state or municipal entity or authorized agent of such entity.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 510

H.P. 1074 — L.D. 1457

AN ACT Relating to Training of Sewage Treatment Operators.

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

32 MRSA §4173-A, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 204, is amended to read:

3. Self supporting. This program shall be self-supporting from fees, grants or other sources of revenue not including the General Fund.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 511

H.P. 1061 — L.D. 1436

AN ACT Relating to Periodic Justification of State Government Programs under the Maine Sunset Laws.

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

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of departments and agencies will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 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:

PART A

Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §6, sub-§5, as repealed and replaced