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7. **Nonconforming uses and nonconforming structures.** To achieve the purposes set forth in this chapter after the adoption of permanent district standards and permanent districts, the commission may regulate and prohibit expansion and undue perpetuation of nonconforming uses. Specifically the commission may regulate and prohibit:

- A. Changes in nonconforming uses to another nonconforming use;
- B. Extension or enlargement of ~~nonconforming~~ nonconforming uses or nonconforming structures;
- C. Resumption of nonconforming uses, by prohibiting such resumption if such use is discontinued for 2 years or abandoned; and
- D. Movement or enlargement of a nonconforming structure or of a structure containing a nonconforming use.

The commission may also provide for the termination of commercial or industrial nonconforming uses by specifying in land use standards the period or periods in which nonconforming uses shall be terminated and by adjusting such compulsory terminations so as to allow reasonable time for the conversion of such nonconforming uses and reasonable schedules for the amortization of investment.

Any use for which a special exception has been granted by the commission, as provided for in section 685-A, subsection 10, shall not be deemed a nonconforming use, but shall be deemed a conforming use in such district.

For applications to reconstruct a damaged or destroyed nonconforming structure, the commission shall require the new structure to comply with provisions of this chapter to the maximum extent possible.

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CHAPTER 23

H.P. 125 - L.D. 169

An Act to Amend Certain Dates Relating to the County Budget Procedure

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

30-A MRSA §701, sub-§§3 and 4, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106, are amended to read:

3. **Public hearing.** The county commissioner shall hold a public hearing in the county on these estimates before December ~~1st~~ 31st. They shall publish a notice of the hearing at least 10 days before the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. Written notice and a copy of the estimates shall be sent by mail or delivered in person to

the clerk of each municipality in the county and to each member of the county legislative delegation at least 10 days before the hearing. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officers of the receipt of the estimates.

4. **Meeting with legislative delegation.** Before ~~the Legislature convenes~~ January 1st, the county commissioners of each county shall meet with the legislative delegation of their county to finalize estimates for the year.

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CHAPTER 24

H.P. 163 - L.D. 228

An Act to Alter Certain Provisions of the Weights and Measures Laws to Recognize the Recently Created National Institute of Standards and Technology

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §2351, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 91, §3, is amended to read:

§2351. Systems of weights and measures

The system of weights and measures in customary use in the United States and the metric system of weights and measures are jointly recognized and either one or both of these systems shall be used for all commercial purposes in the State. The definitions of basic units of weight and measure, the tables of weight and measure and weights and measures equivalents as published by the National Bureau of Standards or its successor organization, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, are recognized and shall govern weighing and measuring equipment and transactions in the State.

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §2352, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 91, §3, is amended to read:

§2352. Physical standards

Weights and measures that are traceable to the United States prototype standards supplied by the Federal Government, or approved as being satisfactory by the National Bureau of Standards, or its successor organization, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, shall be the state primary standards of weights and measures and shall be maintained in such calibration as prescribed by the National Bureau of Standards or the National Institute of Standards and Technology, as applicable. All secondary standards may be prescribed by the state sealer and shall be verified upon their initial receipt and as often thereafter as ~~deemed~~ determined necessary by the state sealer.

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §2353, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 91, §3, is amended to read: