

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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J.S. McCarthy Company  
Augusta, Maine  
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and, motor homes and camp trailers may be displayed on the first day of the month in which the current registration expires.

### Sec. 5. Previously registered camp trailers.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, any camp trailer properly registered as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, section 102 may be reregistered to establish a new month of expiration only from September 1, 1991 to August 30, 1992. The municipality collecting excise tax and the Secretary of State shall allow credit for the unused portion of the excise tax and registration fee for the purpose of reregistration.

**Sec. 6. Reregistration for individuals who served in the Persian Gulf.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, any applicant for reregistration of a motor vehicle, except a farm tractor, road tractor or trailer, whose registration expired while that applicant was in the United States Armed Forces and serving in the Persian Gulf, may change the registration of that vehicle to expire on the last day of the month, one year from the month of issuance provided that the applicant submits an affidavit that the applicant was in the United States Armed Forces and serving in the Persian Gulf at the time the registration expired and that the vehicle was not used during the period of expiration.

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

Effective April 24, 1991.

## CHAPTER 45

H.P. 305 - L.D. 435

### An Act to Require Telephone Companies to Include Emergency Numbers for Sheriffs' Departments in Directories

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

Whereas, this legislation requires conspicuous inclusion of emergency numbers in telephone directories and this may save lives; 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:**

35-A MRSA §7501-A is enacted to read:

### §7501-A. Emergency numbers in directories

Every telephone company shall include in a conspicuous portion of any directory that it publishes after the effective date of this section the emergency numbers of the State Police and any sheriffs' departments that serve the directory area.

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

Effective April 24, 1991.

## CHAPTER 46

H.P. 98 - L.D. 139

### An Act to Exempt the Replacement, Repair and Maintenance of Road Culverts from State Permit Requirements

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §685-B, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1971, c. 457, §5, is amended to read:

A. ~~No~~ Except as provided in this paragraph, a structure or part thereof shall ~~may not~~ be erected, changed, converted; or wholly or partly altered or enlarged in its use or structural form other than normal maintenance or repair, without a permit issued by the commission. A permit is not required for the repair and maintenance of an existing road culvert or for the replacement of an existing road culvert, as long as the replacement culvert is:

(1) Not more than one standard culvert size wider in diameter than the culvert being replaced;

(2) Not more than 25% longer than the culvert being replaced; and

(3) Not longer than 75 feet.

Ancillary culverting activities, including excavation and filling, are included in this exemption. A person repairing, replacing or maintaining an existing culvert under this paragraph shall ensure that erosion control measures are taken to prevent sedimentation of the water and that the crossing does not block fish passage in the water course.

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §438-A, sub-§1, ¶A** is enacted to read:

A. Minimum guidelines adopted by the board under this subsection may not require the issuance of a mu-