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CHAPTER 124

H.P. 182 - L.D. 267

**An Act to Prescribe the Duties and Liabilities
of Roller-skating Rink Operators and Persons
Who Use Roller-skating Rinks**

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

8 MRSA c. 23, sub-c. I is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER I
ROLLER-SKATING SAFETY**

§603. Short title

This subchapter is known and may be cited as the "Roller-skating Safety Act."

§604. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Operator. "Operator" means a person or entity who owns or controls, or who has operational responsibility for, a roller-skating rink. An operator may include the State or a political subdivision of the State.

2. Roller-skating rink. "Roller-skating rink" means a building, facility or premises that provides an area used for roller skating.

3. Skater. "Skater" means a person in a roller-skating rink for the purpose of skating.

§605. Duties of operators

An operator shall:

1. Post duties. Post in conspicuous places of the roller-skating rink the duties of skaters and inherent dangers of skating as provided in sections 606 and 607;

2. Compliance with standards. Comply with the safety standards specified in the roller-skating rink safety standards adopted by a national roller-skating rink operators association;

3. Maintain equipment. Maintain roller-skating equipment and roller-skating surfaces according to the safety standards in subsection 2; and

4. Stability and legibility of notices. Maintain the stability and legibility of all required signs, symbols and posted notices.

§606. Duties and conduct of skaters

1. Ability. Each skater shall know the range of that skater's ability to travel while on roller skates and shall skate within the limits of that ability.

2. Control. Each skater shall maintain control of the skater's speed and course at all times when skating and be alert and observant as to avoid other skaters, spectators and objects. A skater attempting to overtake other skaters shall do so in a manner that avoids collision with objects and other skaters in that skater's field of vision.

§607. Inherent dangers

Insofar as the dangers inherent in roller skating are obvious, by participating in roller skating a person accepts those dangers. Those dangers include, but are not limited to, injuries that result from collisions with other skaters or spectators, injuries that result from falls and injuries that involve objects or artificial structures properly within the intended travel of the skater that are not otherwise attributable to a breach of the operator's common law duties.

§608. Violation; liability

A skater or operator who violates this subchapter is liable to an injured person in a civil action for damages resulting from the violation.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 125

H.P. 355 - L.D. 485

**An Act Concerning Destruction of Certain Court
Records in Real Estate Matters**

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

14 MRSA c. 405 is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 405
RECORDS**

**§2401. Recording requirements for proceedings involving
real estate**

1. Destruction prohibited. Court records affecting title to or rights in land may not be destroyed. Court records governed by this section include the docket; pleadings; correspondence; motions; rulings; transcripts, if any; and orders relating to any of these records. This subsection is repealed January 1, 1996.

2. Identification on docket. On and after January 1, 1992, judicial proceedings in any Maine court, including appeals from judicial proceedings, that affect title to real estate must be identified on the docket. Judicial proceedings