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CHAPTER 245

S.P. 223 - L.D. 550

An Act to Clarify the Legislature's Intent
Regarding Quitclaim Deeds

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §943, last ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 766, is further amended to read:

A discharge of a municipal tax lien mortgage given after the right of redemption has expired, which discharge has been recorded in the Registry of Deeds for more than one year, terminates all title of the municipality derived from such tax lien mortgage or any other recorded tax lien mortgage for which the right of redemption expired 10 years or more prior to the foreclosure date of this ~~discharge~~ discharged lien, unless the municipality has conveyed any interest based upon the title acquired from any of the affected liens. This paragraph applies to discharges of municipal tax lien mortgages given after October 1, 1935.

Sec. 2. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to October 1, 1935.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 246

H.P. 561 - L.D. 804

An Act to Improve Energy Efficiency in Buildings

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1762-A is enacted to read:

§1762-A. Water conservation in state facilities

After January 1, 1992, unless otherwise required by law, or for reasons of health or safety, the Bureau of Public Improvements and the following departments and agencies may not purchase or install any faucet, shower head, toilet or urinal that is not a low-flow faucet, a low-flow shower head, a water-saving toilet or a water-saving urinal:

1. Bureau of Purchases. The Bureau of Purchases under chapter 155;

2. University of Maine System. The University of Maine System under Title 20-A, chapter 411;

3. Maine Technical College System. The Maine Technical College System under Title 20-A, chapter 431; and

4. Maine State Housing Authority. The Maine State Housing Authority under Title 30-A, chapter 201.

By January 1, 1992, the Bureau of Public Improvements shall adopt rules defining a "low-flow faucet," a "low-flow shower head," a "water-saving toilet" and a "water-saving urinal" that minimize water use to the maximum extent economically and technologically feasible.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1768 is enacted to read:

§1768. Shared savings program; state agencies

The Bureau of Public Improvements shall develop an energy efficiency incentive program in which an eligible department or agency of the State may retain a portion of any first-year energy cost savings demonstrably attributable to energy efficiency improvements undertaken by that department or agency. A condition of the program is that the portion of energy cost savings not retained by the department or agency must be credited to the General Fund. The bureau shall submit the proposed program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters by January 1, 1992.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1812-E is enacted to read:

§1812-E. Water conservation devices; purchase and installation

The purchase and installation of faucets, shower heads, toilets and urinals is subject to section 1762-A.

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §13084, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 875, Pt. M, §§7 and 13, is amended to read:

5. Review and inspection. The director ~~shall provide for the~~ may review of plans and specifications and the ~~inspection of~~ may inspect buildings to determine compliance with the energy conservation standards, ~~as described~~ established in Title 10, chapter 214.

Sec. 5. 10 MRSA §1413, sub-§16, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 818, §3, is amended to read:

16. Residential building. "Residential building" means a single-family or multifamily structure designed for year-round or winter seasonal use and additions to those buildings. ~~This~~ Notwithstanding section 9042, subsection 3, this term includes modular homes as defined in Title 30, section 4965 30-A, section 4358 that are installed in the State.

Sec. 6. 10 MRSA §1415-C, as amended by PL 1989, c. 75, §§5 and 6, is further amended by adding at the beginning a new paragraph to read:

Except as provided in this section, any new conditioned space in a residential building constructed after