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CHAPTER 415

H.P. 591 - L.D. 842

An Act to Modify the Ban on Plastic Rings and Other Plastic Holding Devices

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §18, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 869, Pt. C, §1 and c. 876, Pt. B, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§18. Connectors

1. Prohibition. After July 1, 1991, a person may not sell or offer to sell any product in containers connected by plastic rings or other plastic holding devices.

2. Exceptions. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a person may sell or offer to sell products in containers connected to each other with a plastic holding device that decomposes by photodegradation, chemical degradation or biodegradation within a reasonable period of time upon exposure to the elements and that:

A. Is designed or manufactured to be broken when a container is removed;

B. Breaks simultaneously with the removal of the container; or

C. Is approved for sale by the commissioner as an experimental device. The commissioner may approve a device as experimental under this paragraph only if the commissioner determines that the device conforms with the intent of this subsection. The commissioner shall notify in writing each member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and natural resource matters immediately upon receiving a request for approval of an experimental device. Such notification must include the date the request was received, the name of the person or business requesting approval and a brief description of the device.

This subsection is repealed on July 1, 1992.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §19 is enacted to read:

§19. Holding of real estate

The commissioner may accept, hold, administer and retain interests in real estate in order to further the purposes of this Title.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §1607, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt. G, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 4. Report. Those persons who are manufacturers or distributors of products sold in the State after July 1, 1991 in containers connected to each other with a plastic holding device under the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 18, subsection 2, shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources by March 15, 1992. The report must include a description of actions taken by those persons to educate the public on the proper use and disposal of the plastic holding devices, a discussion of the feasibility of a deposit on plastic ring devices and a description of ongoing progress and further efforts in developing a plastic holding device that breaks simultaneously with the removal of the container. Subsequent to receipt of the report required by this section, the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources may report out a bill on the subject of plastic holding devices to the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 416

S.P. 561 - L.D. 1465

An Act Relating to Registration of Electrologists

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1221, sub-§§1-A and 2-A are enacted to read:

1-A. Electrologist. "Electrologist" means a person who practices electrology.

2-A. Electrolysis. "Electrolysis" means the process by which electrology is done.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1231, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 87, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1231-A is enacted to read:

§1231-A. Registration requirements

1. Requirements. Except as provided in section 1233, the department shall register any person under this chapter who:

A. Is at least 17 years of age;

B. Has a high school diploma or its equivalent; and

C. Passes an inspection under section 1243 within 60 days before that person is registered.