

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC LAWS

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§1605. Plastic bags; recycling

A retailer may use plastic bags to bag products at the point of retail sale only if the retailer:

1. Location. Locates inside the store or within 20 feet of the main entrance to the store a receptacle for collecting any used plastic bags; and

2. Recycles. Ensures that the plastic bags collected are recycled or delivered to a person engaged in recycling plastics.

Sec. 2. Report. The Maine Waste Management Agency, in cooperation with the Maine State Grocers Association, Inc., the Maine Merchants Association, Inc., and other appropriate organizations, shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and natural resource matters on the operation of Title 38, section 1605 by January 1, 1993. The report must quantify the use of plastic and paper bags in the State and must estimate the average plastic bag recycling rate.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 476

H.P. 981 - L.D. 1426

An Act to Expand the Conflict of Interest Laws for Employees of the Maine State Housing Authority

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

30-A MRSA §4724, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

2. Acquisition of interest in project; accepting employment. No employee or commissioner of any authority may, within 2 years of that service, or in the case of employees of the authority, during tenure or within 2 years of that service, voluntarily acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract, project or property included or planned to be included in any project of that housing authority over which the employee or commissioner has exercised responsibility, control or decisions during tenure with the authority. ~~Not~~ ; nor may any employee or commissioner of any authority, if employment is accepted with any person who has an interest in any contract, property or project included or planned to be included in any project of that authority, work directly on that contract, project or property for that person if the employee or commissioner has exercised responsibility, control or decisions over that contract, project or property.

A. This subsection does not prohibit a manufactured housing inspector employed by the Maine State

Housing Authority from accepting employment by a person to work on manufactured housing which is manufactured after the date employment with the Maine State Housing Authority has terminated.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 477

H.P. 996 - L.D. 1445

An Act Concerning Snowmobile Registration Fees

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

Whereas, it is essential to improve and maintain the 9,000 miles of snowmobile trails that exist in this State; and

Whereas, this legislation increases the registration fees payable by residents and nonresidents to supplement the funds already provided for in the State's Snowmobile Trail Fund; and

Whereas, it is essential to begin collecting these increased fees as soon as possible; 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:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1987, c. 88, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Fee. The annual snowmobile registration fee is ~~\$16~~ **\$20**.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 1989, c. 918, Pt. D, §9, is further amended to read:

A. The registration fee for residents is credited as follows:

(1) \$4.75 of each fee is credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue;

(2) ~~\$5.25~~ **\$9.25** of each fee is credited to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Recreation; and

(3) \$6 of each fee is annually distributed to the municipality of the owner's residence as