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CHAPTER 128

H.P. 380 - L.D. 493

An Act to Clarify the Disbursement of Maine Children's Trust Fund Income

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3725-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. DDD, §10, is amended to read:

1. Distribution to child abuse and neglect councils. Notwithstanding section 3873, the bureau shall distribute income available under this section to the ~~community coordinating committees~~ child abuse and neglect councils created under chapter 1057. The bureau shall distribute the income ~~on a per capita basis among all the child abuse and neglect councils~~, with each ~~coordinating committee~~ council receiving an amount that reflects the ~~population demographics~~ of its area of jurisdiction. The ~~community coordinating committees~~ child abuse and neglect councils shall use funds received under this subsection to award direct grants for the development and operation of prevention programs and to fund prevention programs and activities sponsored by the councils.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 129

H.P. 424 - L.D. 543

An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Distance Snowmobiles May Be Operated from Certain Buildings

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

Whereas, operators of snowmobiles are greatly inconvenienced by current law that effectively prohibits them from accessing places of business; and

Whereas, the winter weather required for snowmobiling is in season; 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 §7827, sub-§23, ¶D, as amended by PL 1979, c. 543, §80, is further amended to read:

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 4:

(1) Properly registered snowmobiles may operate on a public way only the distance necessary, but in no case to exceed 300 yards, on the extreme right of the traveled way for the purpose of crossing, as directly as possible, a public way, sidewalk or culvert;

(2) Properly registered snowmobiles may operate on a public way only the distance necessary, but in no case to exceed 500 yards, on the extreme right of the traveled way for the sole purpose of crossing, as directly as possible, a bridge, overpass or underpass, provided that that operation can be made in safety and that it does not interfere with vehicular traffic approaching from either direction on the public way;

(3) Snowmobiles may operate on any portion of a public ~~ways way~~ way when the public way has been closed in accordance with Title 23, section 2953;

(4) If the main traveled portion of a public way is publicly plowed and utilized by conventional motor vehicles, snowmobiles may operate only on that portion of the way not maintained or utilized for the operation of conventional motor vehicles, except that operation on the left side of the way ~~shall be is~~ prohibited during the hours from sunset to sunrise on the portion of the way not maintained or utilized for the operation of conventional motor vehicles. This subparagraph ~~shall does~~ not apply to a snowmobile operated by a public utility regulated by the Public Utilities Commission while being operated in the course of the utility's corporate function, so that public utilities may effectively and speedily carry out their obligations to the public;

(5) Snowmobiles may be operated on streets and public ways during a period of emergency when the emergency has been so declared by a police agency having jurisdiction and when travel by conventional motor vehicles is not practicable. This subparagraph ~~shall does~~ not apply to a snowmobile operated by a public utility regulated by the Public Utilities Commission while being operated in the course of the utility's corporate