

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In addition to requiring that the "Health Notice on Formaldehyde Emissions" set out in 24 Code of Federal Regulations 53280.309 be prominently displayed in each manufactured housing unit sold in the State and provided as part of the Manufactured Home Consumer Manual provided to each purchaser of a new manufactured home, the board shall require that a copy of that notice be provided to a purchaser of a new mobile home at the time of execution of the purchase and sales agreement, and that each purchaser sign a certification, provided at the bottom of that notice, that the purchaser has read and understood the contents of the notice before signing the purchase and sales agreement.

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## CHAPTER 187

H.P. 469 - L.D. 606

### An Act Concerning Mooring Permits

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-B, sub-§5-A** is enacted to read:

**5-A. Mooring.** "Mooring" means equipment, such as anchors, chains and lines, for holding fast a vessel, aircraft, floating dock or buoy.

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §480-Q, sub-§11**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 240, §2, is further amended to read:

**11. Soil evaluation.** Borings taken to evaluate soil conditions in or adjacent to a great pond, river, stream or brook, coastal wetland, freshwater wetland or sand dune are exempt from the provisions of this article provided that no area of wetland vegetation is destroyed or permanently removed; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §480-Q, sub-§12, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 240, §3, is amended to read:

E. A notice of intent to maintain, repair or reconstruct the access way and the description of the work to be completed are submitted to the commissioner and to the municipal reviewing authority at least 20 days before the work is performed; and

**Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §480-Q, sub-§13** is enacted to read:

**13. Moorings.** The placement of a mooring in any area regulated by this article.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 188

H.P. 656 - L.D. 894

### An Act to Establish Maximum Interest Rates for Automobile Financing

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

**Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA §2-201, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 129, §31, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 9-A MRSA §2-201, sub-§9-A** is enacted to read:

9-A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the finance charge on a consumer credit sale of a motor vehicle, as defined in this section, that is sold on or after January 1, 1994 may not exceed 18% per year on the unpaid balance of the amount financed. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively on tracks, except agricultural machinery and any other devices that do not constitute consumer goods, as defined in Title 11, section 9-109, subsection 1.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 189

S.P. 267 - L.D. 804

### An Act to Clarify Reporting Requirements for Medical Malpractice Carriers to the Bureau of Insurance

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

**Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2978, sub-§1, ¶¶A and C**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 931, §4, are amended to read:

A. A report of each claim made alleging malpractice during the 5-year period ending December 31, 1991, involving any physician practicing in a medical specialty area described in section 2972. Each report must include the name of the insured, policy number, classification of risk, medical specialty, date of claim and the results of the claim, including defense costs and indemnity payments as a result of settlement or verdict, as well as any awards paid in excess of policy limits. For any claim still open, the report must include the amount of any funds allocated as reserve or paid out. For any claims made during the 5-year period ending December 31, 1991 and still open as of December 31, 1996, the insurance company shall make the report no later than June 1, 1997. Any claims open as of December 31, 1991, but that close prior to Decem-