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## CHAPTER 513

S.P. 563 - L.D. 1598

**An Act to Protect Cable Television Consumers from Excessive Late Fees****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3010, sub-§6-B**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 657, §1, is amended to read:

**6-B. Late fees.** A cable television system operator may not charge a late fee ~~on or other penalty or charge for late payment of~~ any bill ~~for basic tier service, as defined in the federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, 47 United States Code, Section 522, that exceeds 1.5% per month of the maximum amount established under Title 9-A, Part 2 due in the bill.~~ If a late fee is charged on more than one level of service, it must be calculated on the total dollar amount of such services, and may not be calculated separately on each service to which it applies and then cumulated. A payment is not late under this subsection until at least 30 days after those services to which the late fee applies have been received by the consumer.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 514

S.P. 566 - L.D. 1601

**An Act to Ensure That State Water Utility Rules Are Consistent with Federal Requirements****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2605**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 751, §4, is amended by adding at the end a new indented paragraph to read:

Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, the commissioner may impose no standard, method or procedure upon any water utility, as defined in Title 35-A, section 102, that is more stringent than required under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, or rules promulgated under that Act by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, unless the particular standard, method or procedure has been adopted in a rule adopted according to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act and the rule specifies in detail the scientific basis justifying the more stringent standard, method or procedure and the precise criteria for when

the standard, method or procedure applies to a water utility.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 515

H.P. 1200 - L.D. 1608

**An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §891, 3rd ¶**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 46, §3, is further amended to read:

The driver of any vehicle, except a snowmobile as defined by Title 12, section 7821, or an all-terrain vehicle defined by Title 12, section 7851, unless the all-terrain vehicle is registered for highway use by the Secretary of State under this Title, involved in an accident resulting in injuries to or death of any person or property damage to the apparent amount of \$500 or more, or some person acting for ~~him~~ the driver, or the owner of the vehicle having knowledge of the accident ~~should~~ if the operator of ~~same~~ be the vehicle is unknown, shall, immediately by the quickest means of communication, give notice of the accident ~~either~~ to a state police officer; ~~or to~~ the nearest state police field office, or to the sheriff's office; ~~or to~~ a deputy sheriff; within the county ~~wherein~~ in which the accident occurred, or to the office of the police department, or ~~to~~ an officer; of the municipality ~~wherein~~ in which the accident occurred. The absence of notice having been given to the nearest state police field office or to the sheriff's office within the county ~~wherein~~ in which the accident occurred or the office of the police department of the municipality ~~wherein~~ in which the accident occurred ~~shall be deemed~~ is considered prima facie evidence of a violation of this section. Any person failing to comply with the requirements of this paragraph ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a misdemeanor. Every ~~such~~ notice received by any ~~such~~ official or department ~~shall~~ must be promptly investigated. If the accident results in serious bodily injury or death of any person, the investigation ~~shall~~ must be conducted by an officer who has met the training standards of a full-time police officer.

**Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §891, 7th ¶**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 46, §4, is further amended to read:

The driver of any vehicle, except a snowmobile as defined by Title 12, section 7821, or an all-terrain vehicle defined by Title 12, section 7851, unless the all-terrain vehicle is registered for highway use by the Secretary of State under this Title, involved in an