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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4

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section 1221, subsection 2, paragraph C applies retroactively to January 1, 1995.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective March 24, 1995.

CHAPTER 10

S.P. 20 - L.D. 51

An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Renewal of Liquor Licenses by Restaurants

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §653, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1993, c. 730, §27, is further amended to read:

1. Hearings. The municipal officers or, in the case of unincorporated places, the county commissioners of the county in which the unincorporated place is located, shall hold a public hearing for the consideration of applications for new on-premise licenses and applications for transfer of location of existing on-premise licenses. The municipal officers or county commissioners may hold a public hearing for the consideration of requests for renewal of licenses, except that when an applicant has held a license for the prior 5 years and a complaint has not been filed against the applicant within that time, the applicant may request a waiver of the hearing.

A. The bureau shall prepare and supply application forms.

B. The municipal officers or the county commissioners, as the case may be, shall provide public notice of any hearing held under this section by causing a notice, at the applicant's pre-paid expense, stating the name and place of hearing, to appear on at least 6 consecutive days before the date of hearing in a daily newspaper having general circulation in the municipality where the premises are located or on 2 consecutive weeks before the date of the hearing in a weekly newspaper having general circulation in the municipality where the premises are located.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 11

H.P. 235 - L.D. 315

An Act to Allow Disclosure of Residential Natural Gas Costs

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6046 is enacted to read:

§6046. Disclosure of natural gas pipeline utility costs

Upon request, a natural gas pipeline utility, as defined in Title 35-A, section 102, shall provide free of charge to current or prospective customers, tenants or property owners residential natural gas energy consumption and cost information for a dwelling unit for the prior 12-month period or figures reflecting the highest and lowest natural gas energy consumption and cost for the previous 12 months. If a unit has been occupied for a period of less than 12 months, the natural gas pipeline utility shall estimate the unit's annual consumption and cost. Provision of this information is neither a breach of customer confidentiality nor a guarantee or contract by the utility as to future consumption levels for that unit. For purposes of this section, "dwelling unit" includes mobile homes, apartments, buildings or other structures used for human habitation.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 12

H.P. 22 - L.D. 16

An Act to Exempt Adaptive Equipment Installed in Motor Vehicles Operated by Wheelchair Users from the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1483, sub-§13 is amended to read:

13. Certain buses. Buses used for the transportation of passengers for hire in interstate or intrastate commerce, or both, by carriers granted certificates of public convenience and necessity, or permits, by the Maine Public Utilities Commission, provided such buses may be subject to the excise tax provided in