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CHAPTER 663

H.P. 1359 - L.D. 1864

An Act to Facilitate the Implementation of a Logo Sign Program on the Interstate

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1912-B, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 416, §1, is amended to read:

Pursuant to rules adopted under this section, the commissioner may authorize the placement of logo signs within the right-of-way of the interstate system. A logo sign may not be larger than existing service information signs permitted on the interstate highway. ~~More than one sign per exit is prohibited. A logo sign may include logos for tourist attractions, such as museums or other locations of public interest. To the fullest extent possible, the commissioner shall ensure that each logo sign include at least one logo for gas, one logo for food and one logo for lodging. Logo signs may be installed only on portions of the interstate highway that are rural in character. A logo sign may include only logos for gas, food, lodging and camping. Applications from at least 3 qualified businesses must be approved before installation of a logo sign panel at an exit. Logos for 2 or more types of service may be displayed on the same sign panel. More than one logo sign panel may be installed at an exit only when 3 or more qualified businesses are available for each of 2 or more types of service. The number of logo sign panels at an exit may not exceed one for each type of service or a total of 4 for all types of services.~~ Rules adopted under this section must regulate the size, shape, manner and location of logo signs and must describe the procedure for applying to the department for permission to erect a logo sign and the criteria used by the department to select among applicants. The commissioner shall ~~charge~~ establish an initial fee for the production and placement of a logo sign and an annual fee to cover the maintenance costs. Fees charged must approximate direct costs.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 664

S.P. 770 - L.D. 1884

An Act to Reduce Costs for Municipalities

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

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the public to reduce the costs for municipalities; and

Whereas, municipalities seek the highest return possible on investments and also require security of those investments; and

Whereas, Maine law and prudent investment practices demand that public dollars be invested with minimum risk; and

Whereas, Maine financial institutions seek to offer municipalities fair returns and all financial services, including so-called sweep accounts, that municipalities demand; and

Whereas, the 117th Legislature passed legislation in 1995 attempting to modify certain municipal deposit perfection requirements in order to allow Maine financial institutions to offer sweep deposit products; and

Whereas, the law needs one technical change in order to accomplish the goal intended by the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature; and

Whereas, without this change many of those financial institutions will not be able to offer municipal deposit services to their local municipalities and those local municipalities may not obtain the highest return possible on their investments; 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. 22 MRSA §2642, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c. 479, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Municipal regulations authorized. The municipal officers of each municipality ~~shall have the authority,~~ after notice and public hearing, ~~to~~ may adopt regulations governing the surface uses of sources of public water supply, portions thereof or land overlying ground water aquifers and their recharge areas used as sources of public water supply; that are located within that municipality in order to protect the quality of such sources of public water supply or and the health, safety or and welfare of persons dependent upon such supplies.

At least 15 days prior to public hearings held ~~hereunder~~ under this section, notice of the hearing ~~shall~~ must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the municipality is located and