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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
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**CHAPTER 31**

**S.P. 29 - L.D. 27**

**An Act to Broaden the Requirements  
for Special Veterans Registration  
Plates**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §524, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**2. Former prisoners of war; special license plates.** The Secretary of State, on application and upon evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, shall issue a registration certificate and set of special designating plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates to any civilian citizen of the United States who was interned as a prisoner of war and to any person who served in the United States Armed Forces and who was a prisoner of war at any time during tenure of service, or the surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war who is deceased, when that application is accompanied by a copy of the appropriate military form or other official form issued by the Federal Government certifying that the person is a former prisoner of war. This special license plate is issued specifically to former prisoners of war and their spouses and the privilege of using the special plate is transferable only on the death of the former prisoner of war to the former prisoner's spouse. Upon the death of the former prisoner of war, the surviving spouse may retain and display the special license plate. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse may not use the special license plate on a motor vehicle, but may retain it as a keepsake. Upon the death of the surviving spouse, the family may retain the special license plate, but not use it on a motor vehicle.

These special designating plates must be of a design as determined by the Secretary of State that is unique and not duplicated by any other design.

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**CHAPTER 32**

**S.P. 159 - L.D. 488**

**An Act to Change the Laws  
Pertaining to the Issuance of Copies  
of Birth, Marriage or Death  
Certificates by Towns**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2652, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

Except as provided in Title 11 and this section, the clerk shall charge for services according to the following fee schedule:

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2652, sub-§3, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 405, §1, is further amended to read:

A. Certificate of birth, marriage or death, the clerk may charge up to \$7 for the first copy and up to \$3 for each additional copy; and

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**CHAPTER 33**

**S.P. 289 - L.D. 940**

**An Act to Amend the Laws  
Pertaining to the Boarding of Dogs**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3907, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 490, §1, is further amended to read:

**8. Boarding kennel.** "Boarding kennel" means any place, building, tract of land or abode in or on which 3 or more privately owned dogs or other pets, or both, are kept at any one time for their owners in return for a fee.

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**CHAPTER 34**

**H.P. 176 - L.D. 231**

**An Act to Classify Vehicular  
Homicide as a Class A Crime**

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

**Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §203, sub-§3, ¶A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 872, §1, is repealed.

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