

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1997**

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

**2-B. Antique snowmobile registration fee.** A resident who owns a snowmobile that is more than 25 years old may register that snowmobile under this subsection as an antique snowmobile. An antique snowmobile registration authorizes that snowmobile to be operated only for the purpose of traveling to, returning from and participating in an exhibition, parade or other event of interest to the public. The fee for an antique snowmobile registration is \$30. An antique snowmobile registration is valid until the ownership of that antique snowmobile is transferred to another person. Upon the transfer of ownership, the new owner may reregister that snowmobile as an antique snowmobile by paying the \$30 antique snowmobile registration fee. The registration fee for an antique snowmobile is allocated according to subsection 3, paragraph A.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§9,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 467, §8, is further amended to read:

**9. Reciprocity.** Except as specifically provided in this subsection, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, a snowmobile may be possessed or operated by any person in this State without being registered in this State as long as:

- A. The snowmobile is properly registered in the name of a nonresident owner of the snowmobile;
- B. The nonresident owner of the snowmobile is a resident of a state, province, country or district with which this State has reciprocity.

For purposes of this subsection, "state, province, country or district with which this State has reciprocity" means a state, province, country or district that shares a common border with this State and that offers similar privileges to residents of this State. A state, province, country or district does not offer similar privileges if Maine residents holding a valid Maine snowmobile registration are charged a fee for access to the trail system in that state, province, country or district, or if, as determined by the commissioner, privileges and opportunities offered to snowmobile users in that state, province, country or district are not otherwise comparable to those offered in this State.

A snowmobile owned by a nonresident may not be issued a resident registration. Nothing in this subsection authorizes the operation of any snowmobile in any manner contrary to this subchapter.

**Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§10, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is amended to read:

B. The registration number assigned to a snowmobile ~~shall~~ must be displayed in such form and manner as the commissioner may determine, except that an antique snowmobile is not required to display registration numbers.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 228**

**H.P. 1106 - L.D. 1549**

**An Act to Promote Microbreweries**

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

**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1402-A** is enacted to read:

**§1402-A. Samples of products**

A person licensed as a small brewery, farm winery or wholesaler may give a retail licensee samples of products under the following conditions:

- 1. Invoice required.** The products must be accompanied by an invoice;
- 2. Product registered.** The product must be registered with the bureau and clearly labeled as a sample;
- 3. Taxes paid.** Taxes must be paid on each item;
- 4. Maximum annual sample established.** The maximum amount of samples given to a retail licensee may not exceed 3 gallons of beer and 3 gallons of wine annually;
- 5. Samples removed.** Beer and wine samples given to an off-premise retailer must be removed from the premises to be sampled; and
- 6. Records maintained.** Records must be maintained for a 2-year period by the licensee giving or receiving samples.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 229**

**S.P. 514 - L.D. 1598**

**An Act to Provide for Enforcement of the Laws Regarding the Protection of Underground Utility Facilities**