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CHAPTER 323

H.P. 371 - L.D. 516

**An Act to Impose a Statute of
Limitations for Violations of
Municipal Subdivision Ordinances**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4402, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1997, c. 51, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Previously recorded subdivisions. A subdivision, a plan of which had been legally recorded in the proper registry of deeds before September 23, 1971; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4402, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 51, §2, is amended to read:

4. Airports with an approved airport layout plan. Any airport with an airport layout plan that has received final approval from the airport sponsor, the Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration; ~~or~~

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4402, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Subdivisions in existence for at least 20 years. A subdivision in violation of this subchapter that has been in existence for 20 years or more, except a subdivision:

A. That has been enjoined pursuant to section 4406;

B. For which approval was expressly denied by the municipal reviewing authority, and record of the denial was recorded in the appropriate registry of deeds;

C. For which a lot owner was denied a building permit under section 4406, and record of the denial was recorded in the appropriate registry of deeds; or

D. That has been the subject of an enforcement action or order, and record of the action or order was recorded in the appropriate registry of deeds.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 324

H.P. 564 - L.D. 755

**An Act to Amend the Watercraft
Registration Laws**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7794, sub-§9-A, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 695, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7794, sub-§9-B is enacted to read:

9-B. Certificate of number; term. A certificate of number is issued to the owner of a watercraft or a dealer for a specific calendar year and is valid through December 31st of the year for which it was issued.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §1503, sub-§8-A, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 695, §4, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §1503, sub-§8-B is enacted to read:

8-B. Registration period. "Registration period" means from January 1st to December 31st of the year for which the certificate of number is issued pursuant to Title 12, section 7794.

Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §1503, sub-§9, as amended by PL 1985, c. 726, §3, is further amended to read:

9. Taxable year. "Taxable year" for purposes of section 1504, subsection 5, means from January 1st to December 31st for watercraft subject to the excise tax but not required to be registered under Title 12, section 7794. For watercraft required to be registered under Title 12, section 7794, "taxable year" means the 12-month period of registration.

Sec. 6. 36 MRSA §1504, sub-§2, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. The tax payable for a watercraft registered to a new owner after September 1st of any year is 50% of the value due under subsection 1.

Sec. 7. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to January 1, 1997.

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