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**Augusta, Maine**  
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**CHAPTER 425**

**S.P. 651 - L.D. 1872**

**An Act to Make Changes to the  
Maine Economic Growth Council**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §929-A, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. MMM, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**3. Appointments.** Members appointed to the council serve a 3-year term.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 426**

**H.P. 1010 - L.D. 1402**

**An Act to Establish the Civil  
Violation of Creating a Police  
Standoff**

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

**Sec. 1. 25 MRSA c. 405** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 405**

**POLICE STANDOFFS**

**§3801. Creating police standoff**

**1. Creating police standoff.** A person commits the civil violation of creating a police standoff if that person:

A. Is in fact barricaded as a result of the person's own actions;

B. Is or claims to be armed with a dangerous weapon;

C. Is instructed by a law enforcement agency, either personally, electronically or in writing, to leave the barricaded structure; and

D. Fails in fact to leave the barricaded structure within 1/2 hour of receiving the instruction from a law enforcement agency.

**2. Civil violation.** Creating a police standoff is a civil violation. The court may order a person who creates a police standoff to make restitution to each agency that responded to the standoff. Restitution must equal the direct costs incurred in responding to

the standoff or \$500, whichever is greater. If any portion of the restitution remains after each agency has been paid its costs, the remainder must be divided equally among the agencies.

**3. Barricaded; definition.** For purposes of this chapter, "barricaded" means that a person is in a location made inaccessible to law enforcement and others by that person and that person is reasonably believed to have threatened suicide or threatened to inflict or has inflicted serious bodily injury or death on hostages, law enforcement officers or others.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 427**

**H.P. 880 - L.D. 1197**

**An Act to Regulate Recreational  
Vehicle Manufacturers, Distributors  
and Dealers**

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1361, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 195, §1, is amended to read:

**8. Goods.** "Goods" means residential, recreational, agricultural, farm, commercial or business equipment, machinery or appliances that use electricity, gas, wood, a petroleum product or a derivative of a petroleum product, for operation. "Goods" does not include motor vehicles as defined in section 1171, subsection 11 and recreational vehicles as defined in section 1432, subsection 18.

**Sec. 2. 10 MRSA c. 214-A** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 214-A**

**RECREATIONAL VEHICLE  
MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS AND  
DEALERS**

**§1431. Short title**

This chapter may be known and cited as the "Regulation of Business Practices between Recreational Vehicle Manufacturers, Distributors and Dealers."

**§1432. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.