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CHAPTER 470

H.P. 453 - L.D. 616

**An Act to Provide Protection from
Assault for Emergency Medical Care
Providers****Be it enacted by the People of the State of
Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §752-C** is enacted to read:**§752-C. Assault on an emergency medical care provider**

1. A person is guilty of assault on an emergency medical care provider if that person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to an emergency medical care provider while the emergency medical care provider is providing emergency medical care.

2. As used in this section, "emergency medical care provider" includes hospital personnel assisting in an emergency and emergency medical services persons, defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12.

3. Assault on an emergency medical care provider is a Class C crime.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 471

H.P. 28 - L.D. 53

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Regarding the Expanded Archery
Deer Hunting Season**

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

Whereas, the first expanded archery deer hunting season is scheduled to take place in September of 1997; and

Whereas, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must have sufficient time to plan and prepare for that hunting season; 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. 12 MRSA §7102-B, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 24, Pt. I, §2, is amended to read:

4. License fee. The fee for a resident expanded archery deer hunting license is \$40. The fee for a nonresident expanded archery deer hunting license is \$80. A person 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age may hunt with a bow and arrow during the expanded archery deer hunting season if that person possesses a valid junior hunting license.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7102-B, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Repeal. This section is repealed April 1, 1999.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective June 11, 1997.

CHAPTER 472

H.P. 1177 - L.D. 1654

**An Act to Extend Collective
Bargaining Rights to Employees of
Large Industrial Agricultural
Operations****Be it enacted by the People of the State of
Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 26 MRSA c. 16** is enacted to read:**CHAPTER 16****AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEES LABOR
RELATIONS ACT****§1321. Purpose**

It is declared to be the public policy of this State and it is the purpose of this chapter to promote the improvement of the relationship between agricultural employers and their employees by providing a uniform basis for recognizing the right of agricultural employees to join labor organizations of their own choosing and to be represented by those organizations in collective bargaining for terms and conditions of employment. It is also the public policy of this State and the purpose of this chapter, by encouraging voluntary agreements between agricultural employers, employees and their organizations, to limit industrial strife, promote stability in the farm labor force and