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any time within the middle 1/3 of a river, stream, brook or other watercourse, as measured at mean low <u>high</u> tide, within the coastal waters of the State. It is unlawful for a person to obstruct the middle 1/3 of any river, stream, brook or other watercourse within the coastal waters of the State, as measured at mean low tide.

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

Effective February 27, 1998.

CHAPTER 576

S.P. 681 - L.D. 1906

An Act Clarifying the Public Service Corporation Exception

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1102, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 119, §3, is amended to read:

1-A. Public service corporations. A public service corporation or an employee of a public service corporation making electrical installations in the course of the employee's employment, but only to the extent the electrical installations are made in the course of rendering a service subject to regulation by the Public Utilities Commission or the Federal Communications Commission including installations of conductors and equipment that are not under the exclusive control of the electric utilities and are used to connect the electric utility supply system to the service entrance conductors of the premises served, including such installations of conductors and equipment that are outside a building or terminate immediately inside a building. This exception does not apply to the installation of mobile home service equipment;

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CHAPTER 577

S.P. 688 - L.D. 1924

An Act to Permit the Consideration of Any Location in the State for the Location of the New Criminal Justice Academy

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2801, first ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 503, Pt. B, §105, is further amended to read:

There is created within the Department of Public Safety a law enforcement and criminal justice training facility to be known as the "Maine Criminal Justice Academy," as authorized by Title 5, section 12004-C, subsection 5, which shall be established at some convenient and suitable place in the Augusta area in the State.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 578

H.P. 1364 - L.D. 1914

An Act Regarding the Possession of Tobacco Products by a Juvenile

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1555-B, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1997, c. 562, Pt. D, §3 and affected by §11, is further amended to read:

5. Possession and use of cigarettes, cigarette papers or tobacco products; use of false identification by minors prohibited. A Except as provided in paragraph A, a person under 18 years of age may not purchase, possess or use cigarettes, cigarette paper or any tobacco product or offer false identification in an attempt to purchase any tobacco products or to purchase, possess or use cigarettes, cigarette paper or any other tobacco product.

A. A person under 18 years of age may transport or permit to be transported in a motor vehicle cigarettes, cigarette paper or tobacco products in the original, sealed package in which they were placed by the manufacturer if the transportation is in the scope of that person's employment.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 579

H.P. 1376 - L.D. 1929

An Act Concerning Notices Given in Connection with Mortgage Foreclosures

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