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CHAPTER 614

H.P. 1447 - L.D. 2038

**An Act to Enhance the Safety of
Snowmobile Rental Operations**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7825-B is enacted to read:

§7825-B. Snowmobile rental agent certificate

1. Registration and issuance. Except as provided in this section, a person or business may not rent or lease a snowmobile unless that person or business:

A. Registers with the department as a snowmobile rental agent and is issued a snowmobile rental agent certificate from the commissioner;

B. Registers each snowmobile being offered for rent or lease in the name of the person or business holding that certificate; and

C. Instructs each person who rents or leases a snowmobile how to operate the snowmobile, including how to use the brake, throttle and kill switch, and provides to that person a pamphlet describing proper hand signals.

2. Fee. The fee for a snowmobile rental agent certificate is \$25. The certificate is valid from July 1st to June 30th.

3. Exception. This section does not apply to a person lawfully engaged in guiding activities under section 7311 who accompanies others on guided trips that include the use of snowmobiles, except that those persons must provide those operators of snowmobiles with instructions equivalent to those described in subsection 1, paragraph C.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7827, sub-§26 is enacted to read:

26. Unlawfully renting or leasing a snowmobile. A person is guilty of unlawfully renting or leasing a snowmobile if that person rents or leases a snowmobile in violation of section 7825-B.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7901, sub-§17 is enacted to read:

17. Unlawfully renting or leasing a snowmobile. A violation of section 7827, subsection 26 is a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than

\$200 must be adjudged. The \$200 minimum fine may not be waived by the court.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 615

H.P. 1369 - L.D. 1919

**An Act to Inform Crime Victims
about the Disposition of Charges**

Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1172, sub-§1, ¶B-1 is enacted to read:

B-1. The proposed dismissal or filing of an indictment, information or complaint pursuant to the Maine Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 48, before that action is taken;

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 616

S.P. 811 - L.D. 2190

**An Act to Implement the
Recommendations of the Blue
Ribbon Commission to Study the
Effects of Government Regulation
and Health Insurance Costs on Small
Businesses in Maine**

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §1951, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 673, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

2. Private purchasing alliance. "Private purchasing alliance" or "alliance" means a nonprofit corporation licensed pursuant to this section established under ~~Title 13-A~~ or Title 13-B to provide health insurance to its members through multiple unaffiliated participating carriers.