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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
1997

Preamble. Whereas, testimony presented to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development has raised the issue of continuing education for helper electricians; and

Whereas, currently both journeyman electricians and master electricians have continuing education requirements for license renewal; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Electricians' Examining Board directed to study continuing education for helper electricians. Resolved: That the Electricians' Examining Board is directed to conduct a study to determine the need for continuing education among helper electricians. The continuing education courses considered by the board must include both correspondence and traditional classroom coursework. The coursework may include a number of hours of instruction in any of the courses required for the licensing of journeyman electricians or master electricians. The study must include information on injury rates among helpers, journeyman electricians and master electricians and information on education requirements for helper electricians in other states; and be it further

Sec. 2. Reporting date established. Resolved: That the Electricians' Examining Board shall report its findings, including any recommendations for proposed rule changes, to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development by November 15, 1997.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 17

S.P. 201 - L.D. 629

Resolve, Authorizing the Conveyance of the Interest of the State in Certain Property in Augusta

Preamble. Whereas, the City of Augusta, by City Council Order #625, dated October 21, 1996, discontinued the remaining portion of Jackson Street, located between the State Office Building parking lot and property now or formerly of the Maine State Employees Credit Union, referred to in this resolve as "MSECU," located at 127 and 131 Sewall Street; and

Whereas, certain improvements constructed by MSECU encroach on the abutting property owned by the State; and

Whereas, the State and MSECU desire to relocate the boundary between their respective properties in light of the Jackson Street discontinuance and to address the encroachment issue; and

Whereas, MSECU has caused to be made a certain plan entitled "Proposed Transfers" by Thayer Engineering, dated December 1996, referred to in this resolve as the "plan," indicating the proposed conveyances to be made to accomplish these goals; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services authorized to convey real estate. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services is authorized to convey to MSECU, its successors and assigns, by quitclaim release deed, the interest of the State in the following property and property rights:

1. Parcels A, B and F as shown on the plan;
2. An easement for ingress, egress and utilities over parcels C and D as shown on the plan; and
3. An easement for maintenance and repair of the existing storm drainage system serving the property of MSECU; and be it further

Sec. 2. Conveyances by MSECU. Resolved: That in consideration for the above conveyances, MSECU shall convey to the State, its successors and assigns, by quitclaim release deed, the following property and property rights:

1. Parcels D and E as shown on the plan;
2. An easement for egress over the northernmost 6 feet of parcel A and the southernmost 11 feet of parcel B as shown on the plan, subject to the right of MSECU, its successors and assigns, to temporarily block the easement from time to time in the normal course of operation;
3. An easement for maintenance and repair of the existing storm drainage system over parcel F as shown on the plan; and
4. An easement for maintenance and repair of the existing waterline over parcels A and B as shown on the plan; and be it further

Sec. 3. Payment by MSECU to the State. Resolved: That MSECU shall pay to the State the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the property and property rights received by MSECU over the fair market value of the property and property rights conveyed to the State as determined by a certified appraiser selected by the State; and be it further

Sec. 4. Modification. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, to accomplish the goals of this resolve, may make such modifications as necessary to the final

descriptions of the conveyances as described in this resolve.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 18

H.P. 830 - L.D. 1135

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 374, Rules Regarding the Traffic Movement Standard of the Site Location of Development Law, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality

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

Whereas, the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A, requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, the above named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; 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

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of Chapter 374, Rules Regarding the Traffic Movement Standard of the Site Location of Development Law, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality, and submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, is authorized.

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

Effective May 7, 1997.

CHAPTER 19

H.P. 301 - L.D. 365

Resolve, to Encourage Public Schools to Adopt a Conflict Resolution Model

Preamble. Whereas, recent statistics indicate that 51% of violence in Maine involves family violence, that there has been an increase in violent crimes and violent acts engaged in by Maine youths and that the suicide rate among Maine teens has risen; and

Whereas, the ways that many young people learn to deal with conflict and differences often divide them and inhibit their ability to confront common problems and to deal constructively with differences and conflicts; and

Whereas, through conflict resolution education and peer mediation training, children learn self-respect and respect for others, tolerance of differences and how to communicate their anger, fears and other feelings in a constructive, nonthreatening and nonviolent manner; and

Whereas, many educators are already trying to offer conflict resolution education and peer mediation training in their schools and need the support of the people of Maine in a comprehensive effort to make conflict management an integral part of our public school education; and

Whereas, educators and students can develop conflict resolution skills in a number of ways, including the direct instruction of specific skills, the infusion of concepts and principles into the existing curriculum, the modeling of constructive conflict resolution behavior by teachers and student peers, the development of peer mediation programs and the promotion of school discipline policies and practices that advocate mutual understanding of needs and concerns; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Department of Education authorized to support conflict resolution education initiatives. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall support appropriate conflict resolution education and professional development opportunities for public school teachers, administrators and students in the State. These opportunities must include:

1. Supporting the Maine School Management Association's efforts to promote existing conflict resolution models in our public schools to school board members and superintendents across the State through its newsletter, brochures and the inclusion of a conflict resolution session at its 1997 fall conference;