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Provides funds for the cost of adopting rules on behalf of the State Board of Funeral Service.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 283

S.P. 204 - L.D. 593

An Act to Promote the Recycling of Fish Scales as Agricultural Fertilizer

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

Whereas, the use of fish scales as a crop nutrient supplement is vital to many farms in this State; and

Whereas, this legislation simplifies the process for the use of fish scales as a crop nutrient supplement, while maintaining standards to ensure protection of the State's ground and surface water; and

Whereas, it is critical to enact the new standards with regard to the use of fish scales to ensure the safe and efficient use of fish scales for this growing 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. 38 MRSA §1304, sub-§13-D is enacted to read:

13-D. Use of fish scales as crop nutrient supplements. A person may use fish scales as a crop nutrient supplement without a license issued pursuant to this chapter as long as:

A. The department has reviewed the process by which the waste fish scales are generated and has approved the use of the scales as a soil amendment on crop farms;

B. The farm using fish scales as a supplement has developed and implemented a nutrient management plan in accordance with the provisions of Title 7, chapter 747 and in accordance with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources' rules concerning nutrient management planning; and

C. The person supplying the fish scales provides the following information to the department within 7 days of shipping the fish scales with respect to each person receiving the scales:

(1) The name of the person receiving the fish scales;

(2) The location or locations where the fish scales will be used; and

(3) The quantity of fish scales shipped.

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

Effective May 21, 1999.

CHAPTER 284

H.P. 832 - L.D. 1155

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Abandoned Property

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

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §1953, sub-§1, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 508, Pt. A, §2 and affected by §3, is amended to read:

E. A demand, savings or time deposit, including a deposit that is automatically renewable, 5 years after the earlier of maturity or the date of the last indication by the owner of interest in the property; but a deposit that is automatically renewable is deemed matured for purposes of this section upon its initial date of maturity, unless the owner has consented to a renewal at or about the time of the renewal and the consent is in writing or is evidenced by a memorandum or other record on file with the holder; In the case of certain types of deposits, the following rules apply:

(1) In the case of a time deposit that is automatically renewable and whose term is longer than one year, at the date of maturity following the 5th renewal of the deposit after the last indication of interest by the owner; and

(2) In the case of a deposit for the benefit of a minor, the later of 5 years after the last indication of interest by the owner or the date on which the minor reaches 18 years of age;