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determines do not present danger, imminent, present or delayed, to the people of the State or to its natural environment.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 335

H.P. 917 - L.D. 1295

An Act Regarding Continuing Education for Professional Land Surveyors

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13908, sub-§4, last ¶, as amended by PL 1995, c. 353, §26, is repealed.

Sec. 2. Rules enacted by the Board of Licensure for Professional Land Surveyors. All continuing education rules enacted by the Board of Licensure for Professional Land Surveyors that were in effect on February 28, 1999 remain in effect upon passage of this Act and may only be altered pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375.

Sec. 3. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to February 28, 1999.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 336

H.P. 1000 - L.D. 1398

An Act to Secure Environmental and Economic Benefits from Electric Utility Restructuring

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶K, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 625, Pt. A, §7, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3305-B is enacted to read:

§3305-B. Additional powers; energy policy

1. Coordination of energy policy. The office shall coordinate the development of energy policy by:

A. Collecting and analyzing energy data from all available energy sources in the State. Upon request of a company engaged in the wholesale and retail trade of petroleum products in the State, the director may designate as confidential

information documents and data dealing with sales of that company. Information designated confidential by the director under this paragraph is not a public record and is not subject to disclosure under Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter I;

B. Preparing and submitting to the Governor and the Legislature every 2 years an energy resources plan that includes:

(1) A description of historical energy demand by end-use sector and energy resources used to meet that demand; and

(2) A forecast of energy demand, including electric and gas energy demand, by end-use sector for the next 5 years, 10 years and 20 years;

C. Encouraging and directing or sponsoring research, experiments and demonstration projects within the State to develop alternate energy sources, particularly, but not limited to, those sources that rely on renewable natural resources of the State, such as solar energy, water of tides and rivers, forests, winds and other sources that to date have not been fully explored or utilized;

D. Providing conservation alternatives to proposed new electric power generating plants and transmission and distribution facilities and assessing the long-term and short-term energy savings realized by the conservation alternatives; and

E. Coordinating the actions of state agencies that affect the consumption of energy with the objective of securing the environmental and economic benefits of electric industry restructuring occurring pursuant to Title 35-A, chapter 32.

2. Conservation programs. The office shall guide the development of statewide conservation programs to be implemented by transmission and distribution utilities pursuant to Title 35-A, section 3211 by:

A. Creating objectives and an overall energy strategy for such conservation programs, including implementation guidance on the use of competitive bidding or alternative contractual arrangements when program requirements make such arrangements preferable for the achievement of program objectives;

B. Revising program objectives and the overall energy strategy from time to time on a schedule to be determined by the office;

C. Reviewing and approving proposed utility implementation plans, including proposed com-