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**§1505. Record of persons committed**

Every sheriff shall keep ~~in a suitable bound book~~ a true and exact calendar containing the names of all prisoners committed to the jail under the sheriff's charge, their residences, additions, time of their commitments, for what cause and by what authority, and a particular description of the persons of those committed for offenses. The sheriff shall register ~~in that book~~ the name and description, the time when and the authority by which any prisoner was discharged, and the time and manner of any prisoner's escape. The information required by this section must be kept in a suitable, permanent record at the office of the sheriff.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 34****H.P. 109 - L.D. 113****An Act to Remove the Weight Limit Restrictions on Vanity Registration Plates**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §453, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 776, §9, is further amended to read:

**1. Vanity registration plates.** The Secretary of State may issue registration plates that contain letters or a combination of letters and numbers for automobiles, taxi cabs, limousines, pickup trucks, trucks ~~that are registered up to 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight~~, motorcycles, motor homes or semitrailers ~~that do not exceed 2,000 pounds~~ and camp trailers. The number of characters appearing on a plate issued under this section may not exceed 7. The Secretary of State may not issue vanity plates for vehicles registered pursuant to section 504, subsection 2, or section 512, 531 or 532.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 35****H.P. 563 - L.D. 718****An Act Concerning Disability Registration Plates and Placards**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §521, sub-§1**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 482, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

**1. Definition.** "Person with a disability" means a person whose disability limits or impairs the ability to walk, as determined and certified by a licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner, to the extent that the person:

- A. Can not walk 200 feet without stopping to rest;
- B. Can not walk without assistance from another person or the use of a brace, cane, crutch, prosthetic device, wheelchair or other assistive device;
- C. Is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced expiratory volume for one second when measured by spirometry is less than 1 liter or when the arterial oxygen tension is less than 60mm/hg on room air at rest;
- D. Uses portable oxygen;
- E. Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class 3 or Class 4 according to standards set by the American Heart Association; or
- F. Is severely limited in the ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition.

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §521, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 544, §1, is further amended to read:

**5. Application; issuance.** An application for a disability plate or placard must be accompanied by the certificate of a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner attesting to that person's physical disability as defined in subsection 1. The Secretary of State shall issue to an eligible applicant disability plates and windshield placards upon request. Proof of a disability must be submitted every 4 years on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State, except, when the Secretary of State determines the disability to be permanent, the time may be extended. When the applicant's need for the disability placard terminates or the applicant dies, the plate or placard must be immediately returned to the Secretary of State.

**Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §521, sub-§6, ¶A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 482, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

- A. An application for a temporary placard must be accompanied by the certificate of a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner attesting