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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.

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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.

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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Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §521, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 482, Pt.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

to the applicant's physical disability as defined in subsection 1 and the period of time that the physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner determines the applicant will have the disability. A temporary placard is not valid for a period of more than 6 months. The Secretary of State must give priority consideration to requests for temporary placards.

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CHAPTER 36

H.P. 291 - L.D. 369

An Act to Establish Maine Small Business Week

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §139 is enacted to read:

§139. Maine Small Business Week

The 3rd week in May, or any other week coinciding with the week designated nationally as Small Business Week, is designated Maine Small Business Week and the Governor shall issue annually a proclamation inviting and urging the citizens and small businesses throughout the State to promote small businesses and the free enterprise system by observing that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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CHAPTER 37

H.P. 60 - L.D. 69

An Act to Expand the Lifetime Hunting License

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7161, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1999, c. 690, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Infants and seniors. The following resident lifetime licenses may be purchased:

A. For a resident who is less than 6 years of age:

- (1) An infant resident lifetime fishing license. The fee for an infant resident lifetime fishing license is \$150;

- (2) An infant resident lifetime hunting license. The fee for an infant resident lifetime hunting license is \$150; ~~and~~

(2-A) An infant resident lifetime archery hunting license. The fee for an infant resident lifetime archery hunting license is \$150;

- (3) An infant resident combination of any 2 lifetime fishing and hunting license licenses. The fee for an infant resident combination of any 2 lifetime fishing and hunting license licenses is \$250; and

(4) An infant resident combination of all 3 lifetime licenses. The fee for an infant resident combination of all 3 lifetime licenses is \$400;

C. For a resident from 6 to 15 years of age:

- (1) A junior resident lifetime fishing license. The fee for a junior resident lifetime fishing license is \$300;

- (2) A junior resident lifetime hunting license. The fee for a junior resident lifetime hunting license is \$300; ~~and~~

(2-A) A junior resident lifetime archery hunting license. The fee for a junior resident lifetime archery hunting license is \$300;

- (3) A junior resident ~~lifetime~~ combination ~~fishing and hunting license~~ of any 2 lifetime licenses. The fee for a junior resident ~~lifetime~~ combination ~~fishing and hunting license~~ of any 2 lifetime licenses is \$500; and

(4) A junior resident combination of all 3 lifetime licenses. The fee for a junior resident combination of all 3 lifetime licenses is \$800.

A license under this paragraph may only be purchased on or after January 1, 2001; and

D. For a resident from 65 to 69 years of age:

- (1) A senior resident lifetime fishing license. The fee for a senior resident lifetime fishing license is \$50 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 65 years of age, \$40 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 66 years of age, \$30 for a person who purchases the license in the year in which that person turns 67 years of age, \$20 for a person who purchases the