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C. An officer or authorized employee of a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship or governmental entity, or a member, manager or authorized employee of a limited liability company, who is not an attorney; but is appearing for that organization:

- (1) In an action cognizable as a small claim under Title 14, chapter 738; or
- (2) For the purposes of entering a plea or answer and paying the fine or penalty for a violation by that organization of Title 23, chapter 24 or Title 29-A;

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CHAPTER 120

S.P. 315 - L.D. 1083

An Act to Authorize State Agencies to Arrange for Direct Billing of Hotel Rooms for State Business

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1812-G is enacted to read:

§1812-G. Payment for hotel rooms

A hotel, motel or other establishment that provides lodging may directly bill a state agency in connection with a state employee who travels on state business. A state agency may use a purchase order to procure lodging.

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CHAPTER 121

H.P. 908 - L.D. 1222

An Act Conforming Maine Digital Signature Law to Federal Law

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

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA c. 7, sub-c. III-A, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 711, §3, is repealed.

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CHAPTER 122

H.P. 288 - L.D. 366

An Act to Revise Maine Laws Governing Aquaculture

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6072-A, sub-§§5, 7 and 8, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 231, §6, are amended to read:

5. Notice of application. ~~The commissioner applicant~~ shall provide notice of a limited-purpose lease application to owners of riparian land ~~upon which the limited-purpose lease activity would take place and to~~ within 1,000 feet of the proposed location of the lease and to the municipal officers of the municipality in which the limited-purpose lease activity would take place. The commissioner shall publish a summary of the application in a newspaper of general circulation in the area proposed for a limited-purpose lease. A person may provide, within 30 days of receipt of notice or within 30 days of publication of a limited-purpose lease summary, the commissioner comments on the proposed ~~limited purpose~~ limited-purpose lease.

7. Notice of public hearing. ~~The commissioner applicant~~ shall provide notice of a public hearing to owners of riparian land ~~upon which limited-purpose lease activity would take place and to~~ within 1,000 feet of the proposed location of the lease and to the municipal officers of the municipality in which the limited-purpose lease activity would take place. The commissioner shall publish notice of a public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the area proposed for a limited-purpose lease at least 30 days before the hearing.

8. Rules; general and lease application. The commissioner may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section. Within 180 days of the effective date of this section, the commissioner shall adopt rules regarding a limited-purpose lease application. The rules must require an applicant to, at a minimum, meet the requirements of section 6072, subsection 2, paragraph E and subsection 4, paragraphs A, B, C, E, F, G and J. The rules must also require an applicant to provide to the department proof of access to the lease area. If access will be across riparian land, the applicant shall provide to the department the written permission of every riparian owner whose land will be used to access the lease area.

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