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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**2001**

**Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §2071, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 371, §2, is further amended to read:

**5. Hand signals.** Signals by hand and arm must be given by the left arm from the left side of a vehicle in the following manner:

- A. To indicate a left turn, the hand and arm must be extended horizontally;
- B. To indicate a right turn, the hand and arm must be extended upward, except that a person who is operating a bicycle is not in violation of this subsection if the person signals a right turn by extending the person's right hand and arm horizontally; and
- C. To indicate a stop or a decrease in speed, the hand and arm must be extended downward.

A person operating a bicycle may return the hand used to signal a turn to the handlebars during the turn to maintain proper control of the bicycle.

**Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §2084, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**1. Night equipment.** A bicycle, motorized bicycle or tricycle, when in use in the nighttime ~~or at other times when motor vehicles are required to display headlights,~~ must have:

- A. Lighted a front light that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least 200 feet to the front;
- B. A red ~~or amber light or~~ reflector to the rear that is visible at least 200 feet to the rear; and
- C. Reflector ~~strips material~~ on the pedals ~~and handlebars~~.

A bicyclist must have reflector material on the foot or ankle. A bicyclist may also use optional supplementary reflectors, lights or reflective or lighted safety equipment.

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**CHAPTER 149**

**S.P. 56 - L.D. 220**

**An Act to Establish a Light Trailer Transporter Plate and License**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §462, sub-§8,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**8. Trailer transit plate.** A business that delivers or services mobile homes, leases or transports storage trailers or transports light trailers may apply for a trailer transit license and plate. The transit plate may not be loaned, used in place of registration plates on another vehicle, used for personal reasons or used on the towing vehicle. Issuance of a trailer transit license and plate does not exempt the holder from compliance with any state law or municipal ordinance governing the movement of mobile homes, storage trailers or light trailers over the highways of this State and does not exempt the holder from required permits or certificates prior to moving the vehicles. Trailer transit plates issued pursuant to this subsection may only be used subject to the following conditions.

A. A storage trailer must be empty during transportation.

B. A light trailer may be transported with a load appropriate for the light trailer, provided that the load is owned by or in the custody of the transporting business.

C. A light trailer may be transported with a trailer transit plate only if the business owner or an employee of the business accompanies the vehicle transporting the light trailer.

Fees for trailer transit licenses and plates are established in section 852. Trailer transit licenses are exempt from section 951, subsection 6.

For purposes of this subsection, "business" means a corporation, firm, partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship or other commercial entity.

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**CHAPTER 150**

**S.P. 100 - L.D. 326**

**An Act to Eliminate the 3 Advisory Members of the Somerset County Budget Committee**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §896, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 582, §1, is amended to read:

The budget committee consists of 9 voting members ~~and 3 nonvoting members~~ selected as follows.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §896, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 359, §1, is repealed.

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## CHAPTER 151

### H.P. 300 - L.D. 378

#### **An Act to Allow Individuals with Disability Registration Plates or Placards to Park Where There is a Parking Meter Without a Charge**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §521, sub-§12** is enacted to read:

**12. Parking at meters.** Pursuant to Title 30-A, section 3009, subsection 1, paragraph C, subparagraph (4), a vehicle that exhibits a permanent placard, a temporary placard or a disability registration plate may park at a parking area with a meter without a charge and may park a length of time that does not exceed twice the limit otherwise allowed.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §3009, sub-§1, ¶C,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §127 and affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is further amended to read:

C. The municipal officers may regulate the parking of motor vehicles on any public way or public parking area, including, but not limited to, providing for the installation of parking meters, providing the fact that any vehicle is illegally parked or is in a metered space when the time signal on the parking meter for that space indicates no parking permitted without the deposit of a coin or coins is prima facie evidence that the vehicle has been parked illegally by the person in whose name the vehicle is registered, and establishing reasonable charges for metered parking.

(1) Illegal parking of a vehicle in violation of any ordinance authorized by this paragraph is a civil violation.

(2) The municipal officers may establish a method by which persons charged with the violation of parking regulations may waive all court action by payment of specified fees within stated periods of time.

(3) The revenue collected from parking meters must be used:

(a) To purchase, maintain and police the meters;

(b) To construct and maintain public ways;

(c) To acquire, construct, maintain and operate public parking areas; and

(d) For no other purpose.

(4) ~~Any motor A vehicle or motorcycle registered by a handicapped person is exempt from any parking meter fare when that vehicle properly displays special designating plates or a that exhibits a permanent placard, a temporary placard or a disability registration plate issued under Title 29-A, section 521 or 523, may park at a parking area with a meter without a charge and may park a length of time that does not exceed twice the time limit otherwise applicable allowed.~~

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## CHAPTER 152

### S.P. 250 - L.D. 882

#### **An Act to Enhance Participation in the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund**

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

**Whereas,** interest rates established for loans from the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund are significantly higher than interest rates for other state agricultural loan programs; and

**Whereas,** affordable financing is important to agricultural enterprises and our rural economies; and

**Whereas,** the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund has been underutilized due to the interest rates; 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. 7 MRSA §434, sub-§1,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1999, c. 504, §1, is amended to read: