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> J.S. McCarthy Company Augusta, Maine 2001

<u>examination</u> and <u>rebuttal</u>, whether or not objected to by a party.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA \$4005, sub-\$1, $$\P G$$ is enacted to read:

G. A person serving as a guardian ad litem under this section acts as the court's agent and is entitled to quasi-judicial immunity for acts performed within the scope of the duties of the guardian ad litem.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 254

H.P. 970 - L.D. 1294

An Act to Change the Snowmobile Registration Rates

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

Whereas, this 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the snowmobile registration period on July 1st; 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. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 227, §2, is further amended to read:
- **2. Fee.** Except as provided in subsection 2-B, the annual snowmobile registration fee is as follows:
 - A. For residents, \$25 \u22230. The registration for a snowmobile owned by a resident is valid for one year, commencing on July 1st of each year; and
 - B. For nonresidents:
 - (1) Thirty five Forty dollars for a 3-consecutive day registration. A person may purchase more than one 3-day registration in any season;
 - (2) Fifty Fifty-five dollars for a 10-consecutive day registration. A person may purchase more than one 10-day registration in any season; and

(3) <u>Sixty Sixty-five</u> dollars for a seasonal registration.

The registration for a snowmobile owned by a nonresident must specify the dates for which the registration is valid.

Five dollars from each registration fee in this subsection must be transferred to a special fund administered by the Off-Road Vehicle Division of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation. The funds must be used to assist any entity that has a snowmobile trail-grooming contract with the bureau in the purchase of trail-grooming equipment.

Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Off-road Recreational Vehicle Program

All Other \$431,115 \$431,115

Allocates additional funds for the Snowmobile Trail

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect July 1, 2001.

Effective July 1, 2001.

CHAPTER 255

H.P. 1136 - L.D. 1522

An Act to Clarify the Status of Support Obligations if an Obligor Begins to Receive Public Assistance

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §2302, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§2302. Support obligations when obligor receives public assistance

1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.