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**Penmor Lithographers**  
**Lewiston, Maine**  
**2003**

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2401-B, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 386, Pt. J, §14, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. For a journeyman oil burner technician license, a person must present satisfactory evidence to the board of at least:

(1) One year's licensed practical experience as an apprentice oil burner technician;

(2) Six months of licensed practical experience and completion of an oil burner technician course at a Maine technical college, applied technology center or applied technology region or a comparable institute from Maine or another state consisting, at a minimum, of 160 hours of study, of which at least 75 hours are made up of laboratory work on oil burner equipment and related systems; or

(3) Successful completion of a minimum one-year accredited heating course at a Maine technical college consisting, at a minimum, of 320 hours of study, of which at least 150 hours are made up of laboratory work on oil burner equipment and related systems.

An out-of-state applicant must present satisfactory evidence to the board of experience in installing, cleaning, servicing, altering and repairing oil burning equipment.

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**CHAPTER 12**

**H.P. 295 - L.D. 375**

**An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Security Officer Qualifications**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §9410-A, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 170, §12, is amended to read:

F. Does not have a ~~combination of 3 or more convictions for crimes punishable by less than one year of imprisonment or adjudications for civil violations~~ within the past 5 years;

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**CHAPTER 13**

**H.P. 406 - L.D. 521**

**An Act To Clarify That the Application Process for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Is a One-time Process**

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §684, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 643, Pt. HHH, §3 and affected by §10, is amended to read:

3. **Continuation of eligibility.** The assessor shall evaluate annually the ongoing eligibility of property for which a homestead exemption has been approved under this subchapter. The evaluation must be based on the status of the property on April 1st of the year on which the homestead exemption is based. The evaluation must include, but is not limited to, a review of whether the ownership of the property has changed in any manner that would disqualify the property for an exemption under this subchapter or whether the owner has ceased to use the property as a homestead. Unless the assessor determines that the property is no longer entitled to an exemption under this subchapter, the owner is entitled to receive the exemption without having to reapply. If the assessor determines that the property is no longer entitled to an exemption under this subchapter, the assessor shall notify the owner as provided in section 686 that the property is no longer entitled to an exemption under this subchapter.

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**CHAPTER 14**

**H.P. 125 - L.D. 166**

**An Act to Amend the Maine Probate Code Regarding the Fee for a Copy of a Will Provided to a Beneficiary**

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

Sec. 1. 18-A MRSA §1-505, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 540, §1, is amended to read:

**§1-505. Notice to beneficiaries; furnishing of copies**

Registers of probate shall, within 30 days after any will is probated, notify by mail all beneficiaries under that will that devises have been made to them, stating the name of the testator and the name of the personal representative, if one has been appointed at