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section 575-A. For the purposes of this paragraph, "to review" means to see or possess a copy of a plan for a reasonable amount of time to verify that the plan exists or to facilitate an evaluation as to whether the plan is appropriate and is being followed. Upon completion of the review, the plan must be returned to the owner or an agent of the owner. A forest management and harvest plan provided in accordance with this section is confidential and is not a public record as defined in Title 1, section 402, subsection 3.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 31

H.P. 94 - L.D. 85

An Act to Further Define a Strain of Maine Standardbred Horses

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

Whereas, the breeding season for horses begins February 15th; 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. 8 MRSA §281-A is enacted to read:

§281-A. Standardbred horses eligible for registration

Notwithstanding section 281, a foal resulting from insemination during the 2003, 2004 or 2005 breeding season may be registered as a Maine Standardbred if it is the offspring of a stallion registered with the department to stand at stud in the State for the breeding season during which the insemination took place and all other registration requirements are met.

Sec. 2. Report on breeding and registration of Maine Standardbred horses. No later than February 1, 2005, the State Harness Racing Commission shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters on the breeding of Maine Standardbred horses. The report must include a discussion of the definition of "Maine Standardbred horse" and the impact on Maine breeders and racing of allowing

registration as a Maine Standardbred of the offspring of a mare inseminated with semen transported out of state. The commission shall make recommendations regarding the definition of "Maine Standardbred horse." During the First Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters may report out legislation regarding the definition of "Maine Standardbred horse."

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective April 8, 2003.

CHAPTER 32

S.P. 212 - L.D. 603

An Act To Simplify the Bonding Limitations of the Maine Turnpike Authority

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1968, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2001, c. 311, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Turnpike revenue bonds. In addition to bonds outstanding pursuant to any other provision of this chapter, the authority may provide by resolution from time to time for the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds, including notes or other evidences of indebtedness or obligations defined to be bonds under this chapter, but not exceeding \$210,000,000 ~~\$291,000,000~~ in the principal amount at any one time outstanding exclusive of refundings, for any purpose described in section 1969, subsection 1.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §1968, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1997, c. 646, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §1968, sub-§2-B, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 646, §3, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 33

S.P. 56 - L.D. 133

An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to Public Water Systems

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