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(4) The municipal officers may establish and enforce the time limit for use of a parking space reserved as a handicapped parking space on a public way or public parking area.

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CHAPTER 118

H.P. 419 - L.D. 556

An Act To Establish New Standards for Credit Reporting

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1315, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. The procedures adopted by the consumer reporting agency pursuant to section 1317 to enable a consumer to correct any inaccurate information contained in that consumer's consumer report.

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1316, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 140, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1316, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:

2-B. Fees for disclosures. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a consumer reporting agency may not impose a fee for a consumer report provided to a consumer upon request once during any 12-month period. For a 2nd or subsequent report made during a 12-month period, a consumer reporting agency may charge a consumer a fee not to exceed \$5.

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CHAPTER 119

S.P. 267 - L.D. 788

An Act To Enhance Vistas

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §651, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1971, c. 593, §22, is further amended to read:

The department, in consultation with a municipality, may preserve and develop the natural scenic beauty along and adjacent to any state or state aid highway to integrate the public improvement with the aesthetics of the area traversed by the highway and,

particularly along those areas of the highway that constitute the entrance to that municipality. The department shall consult with each municipality traversed by a state or state aid highway on the placement of utility poles and signs within the boundaries of that municipality. The department may establish and maintain rest areas, turn-outs and parking strips for the suitable accommodation of the public whenever in its judgment the public exigency may require.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §651, 5th ¶, as amended by PL 1971, c. 593, §22, is further amended to read:

Whenever a municipality directly contributes to the construction or alteration of any highway, the department shall take into consideration the views interests of the municipal officers a municipality as to the location of such highway any state or state aid highway construction or alteration within the boundaries of that municipality.

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CHAPTER 120

H.P. 1013 - L.D. 1378

An Act To Provide Financial Relief for Maine Dairy Farmers

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

Whereas, the producer price of milk has dropped to 20-year lows; and

Whereas, these prices jeopardize the viability of the Maine dairy industry; and

Whereas, the Maine dairy industry is essential to the State's rural economy and communities and generates business activity and preserves open space; and

Whereas, the stabilization of the dairy industry during temporary price drops constitutes a public purpose and an appropriate expenditure of state revenues; 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: