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CHAPTER 174

H.P. 1060 - L.D. 1448

An Act To Clarify the Administration of State-municipal Revenue Sharing

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. W, §1, is further amended to read:

5. Transfers to funds. On the last day of each month, the Treasurer of State shall transfer to the Local Government Fund a percentage, as provided in this subsection, of the receipts from the taxes imposed under Title 36, Parts 3 and 8 and credited to the General Fund without any reduction, except that the postage, state cost allocation program and programming costs of administering state-municipal revenue sharing may be paid by the Local Government Fund. Any amounts transferred to the Local Government Fund in excess of the annual growth ceiling must be transferred to the Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund. The percentage transferred to the Local Government Fund on the last day of each month is:

- A. For months beginning before July 1, 2005, 5.1%; and
- B. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2005, 5.2%.

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CHAPTER 175

H.P. 1025 - L.D. 1398

An Act To Modify Water Well Reporting Requirements

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §550-B, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 509, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §550-B, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. "Well drilling company" means a person, firm, partnership or corporation that owns or otherwise operates any mechanical equipment used to drill, drive or bore water wells.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §550-B, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 1999, c. 556, §16, is further amended to read:

A. Within ~~480~~ 30 days after completion of any well or dry hole, or the enlarging or deepening of an existing well, a well ~~contractor~~ drilling company shall submit a report to the Bureau of Geology and Natural Areas, on forms designed and provided by the Bureau of Geology and Natural Areas. The report must contain information as may be required by the Bureau of Geology and Natural Areas, including, but not limited to, location, construction and well yield.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §550-B, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 509, is amended to read:

B. Any well ~~contractor who~~ drilling company that has engaged in the construction of water wells, but who has not submitted well completion reports on a timely basis as required by this chapter, ~~shall be~~ is in violation of this chapter.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §550-B, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 509, is amended to read:

5. Penalties. ~~Any person, company, firm, partnership or corporation, who~~ A well drilling company that violates any standard or provision of this chapter, commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$500 may be adjudged. In addition to other civil remedies, the court may issue an injunction.

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CHAPTER 176

H.P. 1071 - L.D. 1466

An Act To Relocate the Prohibition of Use of State Government Computer Systems for Political Purposes to the Election Laws

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1972, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 388, §14, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1976, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 388, §14, is amended to read:

§1976. Use of State Government computer system

1. Confidentiality. Computer programs, technical data, logic diagrams and source code related to data processing or telecommunications are confidential and are not public records, as defined in Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, to the extent of the identi-