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CHAPTER 30

H.P. 427 - L.D. 594

An Act To Promote Education in the Unorganized Territory

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

- Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §3301, sub-§8 is enacted to read:
- 8. Closing school. The commissioner may not close a school in the unorganized territory except in accordance with procedures and standards established by the department by rule. The rules must provide for a public hearing in the area served by a school prior to the date of the proposed closure of the school. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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CHAPTER 31

H.P. 67 - L.D. 71

An Act To Amend the Law Pertaining to Nitrous Oxide Systems

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

- **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1926, sub-§1,** as reallocated by RR 2003, c. 1, §29, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
- 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.
 - A. "Fill station" means a place that refills nitrous oxide bottles.
 - B. "Nitrous oxide system" means a device installed in a motor vehicle that allows nitrous oxide to combine with gasoline for the purpose of increasing engine power.
- **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1926, sub-§3, ¶B,** as reallocated by RR 2003, c. 1, §29, is amended to read:
 - B. The motor vehicle is en route to or from a track where the motor vehicle is used for racing, a car show, an off-highway competition or event or a fill station and:

- (1) The nitrous oxide system is made inoperative by disconnecting the line feeding nitrous oxide to the engine; or
- (2) All containers of nitrous oxide have been removed from the motor vehicle.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 32

H.P. 203 - L.D. 278

An Act To Allow Small Stores To Conduct Wine Taste Testings

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA \$1205, first \P , as amended by PL 1997, c. 414, \$3, is further amended to read:

For the purposes of this section, "fine wine store" means a store that sells wine from at least 50% of the world's wine regions and carries at least 250 different wine labels or carries at least 125 different wine labels, holds a wine license only and meets the compatible merchandise requirement of section 1201, subsections 6 and 7.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 33

H.P. 493 - L.D. 673

An Act To Require Agricultural Representation on the Maine Tourism Commission

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

- **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13090-F, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 198, §10, is further amended to read:
- 1. Maine Tourism Commission. The Maine Tourism Commission, established by section 12004-I, subsection 87 and referred to in this section as the "commission," shall assist and advise the Office of Tourism to achieve its purpose under section 13090-C. The commission consists of 24 25 voting members appointed by the Governor as follows:
 - A. Three members representing the outdoor sporting interests of the State, including: