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**CHAPTER 275****H.P. 830 - L.D. 1212****An Act To Amend the Laws  
Governing the Effect of Foreclosure  
of a Tax Lien on Time-share Estates****Be it enacted by the People of the State of  
Maine as follows:****Sec. 1.** 33 MRSA §593, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

**7. Effect of foreclosure.** A governmental entity that acquires ownership of a time-share estate for reasons of tax delinquency, including, but not limited to, the automatic foreclosure of a tax lien, may not be required to pay for the share of common expenses attributable to the time-share estate during the period the governmental entity owns the time-share estate if the governmental entity does not use the time-share estate. Use by a governmental entity includes, without limitation, leasing or renting the time-share estate. Any unpaid common expenses attributable to the time-share estate accruing during the period of ownership of the time-share estate by the governmental entity may be charged by the owners' association or managing entity to the purchaser of a foreclosed time-share estate when the purchaser acquires title to the unit from the governmental entity. The governmental entity shall disclose in writing to a prospective purchaser of the time-share estate that the purchaser may be charged for the common expenses attributable to the time-share estate accruing during the period of the governmental entity's ownership.

**Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to time-share estates owned or acquired by a governmental entity on or after April 1, 2005.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 276****H.P. 1109 - L.D. 1571****An Act To Allow Certain  
Modifications of Motor Vehicles****Be it enacted by the People of the State of  
Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1.** 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

A. The use of tires that are no more than 2 sizes larger than the manufacturer's recommended size sizes;

**Sec. 2.** 29-A MRSA §1920, as amended by PL 2003, c. 144, §1, is further amended to read:

**§1920. Vehicle frame height**

**1. Minimum and maximum frame end heights.** A motor vehicle may not be operated on a public way or receive a certificate of inspection with a frame end height of less than 10 inches or with the frame end height lower than the vehicle was originally manufactured if originally manufactured to be less than 10 inches. A motor vehicle may not be operated on a public way or receive a certificate of inspection with a maximum frame end height based on the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating that is greater than:

~~A. For an automobile, 22 inches in the front and rear;~~

B. For a vehicle of 4,500 pounds and less, 24 inches in the front and 26 inches in the rear;

C. For a vehicle of 4,501 pounds to 7,500 pounds, 27 inches in the front and 29 inches in the rear; and

D. For a vehicle of 7,501 pounds to 10,000 pounds, 28 inches in the front and 30 inches in the rear.

Measurements must be taken from a level surface to the bottom of the frame end. For the purposes of this subsection, "frame end" means the point at which the frame rail terminates at the bumper assembly.

**2. Modifications.** A vehicle may not be modified to cause, under normal operation, the vehicle body or chassis to come into contact with the ground, expose the fuel tank to damage from collision or cause the wheels to come in contact with the body. The suspension and tire sizes of a vehicle may be modified pursuant to this chapter and rules established by the Chief of the State Police.

**3. Suspension.** ~~An~~ Except as provided in this subsection or in subsection 2, an original suspension system may not be disconnected. This section does not prohibit the installation of heavy duty equipment, including shock absorbers and overload springs, or prohibit a person from operating on a public way a motor vehicle with normal wear of the suspension system if normal wear does not affect control of the vehicle.

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