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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Sec. 9. 29-A MRSA §1861** is enacted to read:  
**§1861. Holding vehicle and its accessories**

A person holding or storing an abandoned vehicle, holding or storing a vehicle towed at the request of the vehicle's operator, owner or owner's agent or holding or storing a vehicle stored at the request of a law enforcement officer may hold the vehicle and all its accessories, contents and equipment, not including the personal effects of the registered owner, until reasonable towing and storage charges of the person holding or storing the vehicle are paid.

For purposes of this section, "personal effects" includes medications, medical equipment, clothing, mail, child safety seats and similar items. Except for child safety seats, items attached to the vehicle and business equipment, machinery and tools are not considered personal effects.

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**CHAPTER 151**

**H.P. 774 - L.D. 1056**

**An Act To Change Building Requirements for County Buildings and Land**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §121, sub-§1, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

B. Fireproof buildings of brick or stone or other fire-resistant material, with separate fireproof rooms and suitable alcoves, cases or boxes for each office, for the safekeeping of records and papers belonging to the offices of:

- (1) The register of deeds;
- (2) The register of probate;
- (3) The register of insolvency; and
- (4) The clerk of courts;~~and~~

A registry that has permanent records located off-site is exempt from this paragraph if all permanent records, either in their original state or on archival-quality microfilm, that are stored off-site are in a secure fire-resistant facility with temperature and humidity controls suitable for long-term preservation, those records temporarily retained at the registry for copying are stored in

fire-resistant containers and the registry building meets applicable fire and life safety codes; and

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**CHAPTER 152**

**H.P. 547 - L.D. 726**

**An Act To Provide Services for Adults with Diagnoses of Mental Retardation and Other Developmental Disabilities**

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

**Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §5438** is enacted to read:

**§5438. Services for adults with diagnoses of mental retardation and other developmental disabilities**

To the extent possible using available resources, the department shall provide adults with diagnoses of mental retardation and other developmental disabilities choices from among an array of supports and services, including but not limited to: employment supports, personal supports, day programs and residential services. The department shall pursue appropriate resources for the supports and services needed by adults covered under this chapter.

**Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §17001, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

**7. Council report.** The council, pursuant to its duties under subsection 4, shall provide information from the comprehensive review and analysis of services, supports and other assistance for persons with disabilities required by 42 United States Code, Chapter 144, Section 15024 (c) (3) to the Legislature by January 31st of each year.

**Sec. 3. Coordination of information and data by the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition.** The departments represented by the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 10-A, shall consider and evaluate methods to coordinate information and data that would facilitate the identification and tracking of the needs of persons with mental retardation, serious emotional disturbance, pervasive developmental disorder or other developmental disabilities and report recommendations to the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition, and the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition shall include the recommendations in its annual report pursuant to Title 20-A, section 7804, subsection 6.

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