

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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trade without first obtaining a license as required by this Title or after the license has expired or has been suspended or revoked commits a civil violation punishable by a fine of not less than ~~\$100~~ \$1,000 but not more than ~~\$2,000~~ \$5,000 for each violation. An action under this subsection may be brought in District Court or, in combination with an action under subsection 5, in Superior Court.

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**CHAPTER 45**

**H.P. 237 - L.D. 297**

**An Act To Ensure That Medical Equipment Found in a Repossessed Vehicle Is Returned to the Owner**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §665, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 133, §1, is amended to read:

**6. Repossession.** Upon the exercise of the right to take possession of a vehicle by a lienholder that is a ~~supervised financial organization~~ creditor as defined in Title 9-A, section 1-301, subsection 17, or the assignee of that creditor, ownership of the vehicle vests in the lienholder, subject to the rights granted to the owner and the duties imposed on the lienholder under Title 9-A, Article 5, Part 1 ~~and~~, Title 11, Article 9-A, Part 6 and Title 32, section 11017.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §11017, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

**3. Special treatment for necessary medical device or equipment in a repossessed vehicle.** A consumer who has unsecured property taken when a vehicle is repossessed pursuant to Title 29-A, section 665, subsection 6 may have that property returned by complying with this subsection.

The consumer shall notify the debt collector that:

- A. Unsecured property was taken with a repossessed vehicle;
- B. The unsecured property includes a medical device or equipment necessary for health or welfare; and
- C. The consumer does not have practicable means to retrieve the medical device or equipment.

If the consumer makes a reasonable request for the return of the medical device or equipment, the debt collector shall arrange to have the medical equipment or device promptly returned to the consumer. If the debt collector incurs expenses in actually returning the

medical device or equipment to the consumer, those reasonable expenses are considered a reasonable charge incurred in realizing on a security interest in personal property, pursuant to Title 9-A, section 3-402, subsection 1, paragraph B, which may be added to the consumer's indebtedness.

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**CHAPTER 46**

**H.P. 47 - L.D. 54**

**An Act To Change the Coyote Night Hunting Season**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12001, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 242, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Open night hunting season.** Notwithstanding the night hunting prohibitions in section 11206-A, there is an open season for hunting coyotes at night in all counties of the State from ~~January 1st~~ December 16th to June 1st.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 47**

**H.P. 78 - L.D. 94**

**An Act To Authorize the State Board of Nursing To Request Mental and Physical Examinations and To Establish a Nurse Health Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2502, sub-§4-A**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 288, §1, is further amended to read:

**4-A. Professional review committee.** "Professional review committee" means a committee of physicians, dentists, pharmacists, nurses or a combination of members of all ~~3~~ 4 professions formed by a professional society for the purpose of identifying and working with physicians, dentists and other licensees of the Board of Dental Examiners, physician assistants, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians ~~and nurses~~ who are disabled or impaired by virtue of physical or mental infirmity or by the misuse of alcohol or drugs, as long as the committee operates pursuant to protocols approved by the Board of Licensure in Medicine, the Board of Dental Examiners, the Board of Osteopathic