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C. Specifically set a minimum temperature for heat, which may not be less than 62 degrees Fahrenheit; and

D. Set forth a stated reduction in rent that must be fair and reasonable under the circumstances.

An agreement under this subsection may not be entered into or maintained if a person over 65 years of age or under 5 years of age resides on the premises. A landlord is not responsible if a tenant who controls the temperature on the premises reduces the heat to an amount less than 68 degrees Fahrenheit as long as the landlord complies with subsection 6, paragraph B or if the tenant fails to inform the landlord that a person over 65 years of age or under 5 years of age resides on the premises.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 140

H.P. 556 - L.D. 820

An Act To Prohibit Smoking in Outdoor Eating Areas

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1542, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2005, c. 257, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Prohibition. Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed areas of public places, outdoor eating areas as provided in section 1550 and all rest rooms made available to the public. In the case of a child care facility that is not home-based, smoking is also prohibited in a facility-designated motor vehicle within 12 hours before transporting a child who is in the care of the child care facility, and whenever such a child is present in the vehicle. Smoking is also prohibited in outdoor areas of the facility where children may be present.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1550 is enacted to read:

§1550. Smoking in outdoor eating areas

1. Definition. As used in this section, "outdoor eating area" means a patio, deck or other property that is partially enclosed or open to the sky that is permitted for outdoor eating or drinking under the control of an eating establishment, as defined in section 2491, subsection 7, as long as food or drink is served by the eating establishment to the public for consumption on the premises.

2. Smoking prohibited. Smoking is prohibited in an outdoor eating area if the outdoor eating area or any portion thereof is open and available for dining and beverage service.

3. Notification; request for compliance. An eating establishment with an outdoor eating area shall post signs in accordance with section 1543, notify its patrons of the prohibition on smoking in outdoor eating areas and request that all persons within an outdoor eating area comply with this section.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 141

H.P. 840 - L.D. 1215

An Act To Correct Administrative Procedures Regarding the Dental Care Access Credit

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Public Law 2007, chapter 690 enacted an income tax credit for new dentists who agree to practice in underserved areas of the State; and

Whereas, provisions of the credit regarding administration of the law need changes in order for the credit to be implemented; and

Whereas, the credit applies to income tax years beginning in 2009; and

Whereas, it is critical to implement the credit as soon as possible to provide an incentive to dentists to locate in areas of the State that are in desperate need of dental practitioners; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5219-BB, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 690, §1 is repealed.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5219-DD is enacted to read:

§5219-DD. Dental care access credit

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Eligible dentist" means a person licensed as a dentist under Title 32, chapter 16, subchapter 3 who, after January 1, 2009;