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STATE OF MAINE

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2009

Sec. 27. 35-A MRSA §8704, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 851, §7, is amended to read:

B. The ~~Chair chair~~ of the ~~Advisory Committee to Commission for the Division of Deafness for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened~~ established by Title 5, section ~~12004-I~~ 12004-J, subsection ~~40~~ 17, or a designee;

Sec. 28. Transition provisions.

1. The Commission for the Division for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened, established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 17, is the successor in every way to the functions and duties of the former Advisory Council to Division of Deafness, as established pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 54-B.

2. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or for the use of the former Advisory Council to Division of Deafness become part of the property of the Commission for the Division for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened.

3. All existing forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the former Advisory Council to Division of Deafness may be utilized by the Commission for the Division for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened until existing supplies of these items are exhausted.

Sec. 29. Maine Revised Statutes headnote amended; revision clause. In the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, chapter 19, subchapter 2, article 2, in the article headnote, the words "division of deafness" are amended to read "division for the deaf, hard of hearing and late deafened" and the Revisor of Statutes shall implement this revision when updating, publishing or republishing the statutes.

Sec. 30. Maine Revised Statutes headnote amended; revision clause. In the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, chapter 19, subchapter 2, article 8, in the article headnote, the words "deaf and hard-of-hearing persons" are amended to read "deaf, hard-of-hearing and late-deafened persons" and the Revisor of Statutes shall implement this revision when updating, publishing or republishing the statutes.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 175

H.P. 583 - L.D. 847

**An Act Authorizing Statewide
Mutual Aid among First
Responder Agencies**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until

90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine First Responders State-wide Mutual Aid Agreement can provide emergency services to any part of the State whenever they are needed; and

Whereas, emergencies affecting multiple communities can happen at any time; 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. 37-B MRSA §784-B is enacted to read:

§784-B. Maine First Responders State-wide Mutual Aid Agreement

All political subdivisions within the State are covered by the Maine First Responders State-wide Mutual Aid Agreement, dated November 2008, as drafted by the agency and referred to in this section as "the agreement," except that a political subdivision may withdraw from the agreement by enacting a local ordinance that withdraws from the agreement.

A local first responder agency may provide emergency management, fire, law enforcement, emergency medical, public works and other emergency services as necessary upon the request of any political subdivision within the State in accordance with the agreement. Additional preexisting contracts or agreements with the jurisdiction requesting the services are not required.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 19, 2009.

CHAPTER 176

H.P. 562 - L.D. 826

**An Act To Protect Recreational
Trails on Private Land by
Exempting Certain
Information on Recreational
Trails from the Definition of
"Public Records"**

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