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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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"notice of probable violation" to a more neutral terminology, such as "notice of investigation," and references to "probable violation" to a more neutral terminology, such as "possible violation"; and

5. Removes the part of the current rule designated as Section 4(B)(1)(a) that requires each excavator performing work in an excavation area to notify the Dig Safe System so that the rule is consistent with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 3360-A, subsection 3, paragraph F.

The commission is not required to hold hearings or undertake further proceedings prior to final adoption of the rule in accordance with this section.

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

Effective May 9, 2011.

CHAPTER 32

S.P. 222 - L.D. 732

Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Adopt Rules Affecting Utility Deposits

Sec. 1. Deposits for new businesses started by owners of existing businesses with good credit histories. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall by rule require a transmission and distribution utility to consider a business owner's prior credit history with another transmission and distribution utility when determining whether to require a deposit for service to a new business of that business owner as long as the business owner requests this consideration and provides permission for the other transmission and distribution utility to share the credit history information. The rules must require that the transmission and distribution utility consider the business owner's prior credit history with the other transmission and distribution utility in the same manner it would consider the prior credit history of a business owner located in its own service territory.

Rules adopted pursuant to this resolve are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 33

S.P. 358 - L.D. 1183

Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System To Extinguish Certain Easements

Sec. 1. Extinguishment of easements. Resolved: That the Maine Community College System shall take all actions necessary to extinguish easement rights reserved by the Maine Community College System in any property that was conveyed by the Maine Community College System pursuant to Resolve 2007, chapter 116, section 1. Any action taken by the Maine Community College System in accordance with Resolve 2007, chapter 116, section 1 after March 15, 2011 but prior to the effective date of this resolve is retroactively authorized.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 34

S.P. 364 - L.D. 1243

Resolve, To Direct the Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection To Recommend Changes to Credit Reporting Laws Concerning Paid Debts

Sec. 1. Paid debts and debt collectors. Resolved: That the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection shall review the credit reporting debt collection laws concerning proper notification by debt collectors to credit reporting agencies when debtors have paid off a debt and the information has not been properly reported. The bureau shall clarify the obligations of debt collectors for reporting credit data to credit agencies and to consumers and recommend standards for fair treatment of consumers; and be it further

Sec. 2. Reporting to the Legislature. Resolved: That the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection shall report its findings under section 1, recommendations and suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services by December 7, 2011. The committee may submit a bill related to the suggested legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.