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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2013**

5. **Staff support.** Designate an employee of the department to oversee the Maine Agricultural and Internship Training Program; ~~and.~~

**Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §222, sub-§6,** as enacted by PL 2001, c. 168, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §4213,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 530, §7 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 30  
S.P. 13 - L.D. 21**

**An Act To Amend the Motor  
Vehicle Laws Governing  
Requisite Tire Size and Frame  
Height**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1917, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 251, §8, is further amended to read:

**2. Safe tires required.** A motor vehicle may not be operated on a public way unless it is equipped with tires in safe operating condition. A tire mounted on a motor vehicle is not considered to be in safe operating condition unless it meets the visual and tread depth requirements set forth in subsections 3 and 4, ~~the overall diameter of the properly mounted and inflated tire is within 2 inches of the range of sizes recommended by the manufacturer for the model vehicle and the vehicle is in compliance with the frame height requirements provided in section 1920.~~

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1920, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 276, §2, is further amended to read:

**1. Minimum and maximum frame end heights.** A motor vehicle may not be operated on a public way or receive a certificate of inspection with a frame end height of less than 10 inches or with the frame end height lower than the vehicle was originally manufactured if originally manufactured to be less than 10 inches. A motor vehicle may not be operated on a public way or receive a certificate of inspection with a maximum frame end height based on the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating that is greater than:

B. For a vehicle of 4,500 pounds and less, 24 inches in the front and 26 inches in the rear;

C. For a vehicle of 4,501 pounds to 7,500 pounds, 27 inches in the front and 29 inches in the rear; ~~and~~

D. For a vehicle of 7,501 pounds to 10,000 pounds, 28 inches in the front and 30 inches in the rear; ~~and~~

E. For a vehicle of 10,001 pounds to 11,500 pounds, 29 inches in the front and 31 inches in the rear.

Measurements must be taken from a level surface to the bottom of the frame end. For the purposes of this subsection, "frame end" means the point at which the frame rail terminates at the bumper assembly.

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**CHAPTER 31  
S.P. 88 - L.D. 252**

**An Act Regarding Registration  
and Correction of Death  
Information on Death  
Certificates**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2842, sub-§§3 and 4,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 601, §25, are further amended to read:

**3. Medical certificate by medical examiner or the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.** When a death occurs under circumstances that make it a medical examiner case as defined in section 3025, or when inquiry as to the cause of death is required by law, the medical examiner or the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shall complete the medical certification of the cause of death as specified by department rule and sign the death certificate. A certification need not be completed before the remains are ready for release.

The medical examiner or the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is responsible for the identity of the deceased and the time, date, place, cause, manner and circumstances of death on the death certificate. Entries may be left "pending" if further study is needed; or, at the specific direction of the Attorney General relative to cases under investigation by the Attorney General's office, entries must be left "withheld" until such time as the Attorney General, in the Attorney General's sole discretion, determines that any criminal investigation and prosecution will not be harmed by public disclosure of such information. Notwithstanding section 2706, subsection 4, unless directed otherwise by the Attorney General as specified in this subsection, this information for which the medical examiner is responsible may be made available to the general public by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.