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would be desirable. The plan may include a model permit, which may include the integration of a photograph. The plan may recommend the use of a model permit as either advisory or mandatory for all issuing authorities.

**3.** Statewide information. The plan must include a process for identifying and collecting information from all issuing authorities to provide complete statewide statistical information as required in subsection 1. The Chief of the State Police shall invite issuing authorities to provide suggestions and comments. The plan may eliminate the responsibility of municipal issuing authorities to make information available to the public if the identical information is available from a central state source. The plan must provide for the public availability of statistical information and must provide for an annual report of statewide statistical information.

4. Additional information and recommendations. The Chief of the State Police may include in the report any additional information or recommendations that the chief determines may be useful to the Legislature in addressing issues concerning concealed handgun permits.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect April 30, 2013.

Effective April 30, 2013.

### CHAPTER 55

#### H.P. 91 - L.D. 109

### An Act Relating to Vehicles Delivering Home Heating Fuel

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2395, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

2. Rules. The Department of Transportation, county commissioners and municipal officers may adopt rules to ensure proper use and prevent abuse of the public ways under their respective jurisdictions the department's jurisdiction whenever those ways require special protection. Rules issued adopted pursuant to this section are exempted from the provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Department of Transportation to adopt rules relating to the definition of home heating fuel. The Department of Transportation shall adopt rules as authorized by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 2395, subsection 2 involving restrictions on the weight or passage of any vehicle over a public way and shall include in the definition of "home heating fuel" oil, gas, coal, stove-length wood, propane and wood pellets.

See title page for effective date.

# CHAPTER 56

## H.P. 590 - L.D. 839

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Licensing of Technicians Involved in a Display of Fireworks or Special Effects

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §221-A, sub-§§5-A and 5-B are enacted to read:

**5-A. Flame effect.** "Flame effect" means an effect caused by the use of a solid, liquid or gaseous fuel to produce a flame in front of an audience.

5-B. Flame effect technician. "Flame effect technician" means a person licensed pursuant to section 231 who, by examination, experience and training, has demonstrated the required skill and competence in the use of flame effects to conduct a display or special effects display. A flame effect technician is the person who is responsible for the safe use of flame effects and setting up and conducting the flame effects display.

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §221-A, sub-§8-A is enacted to read:

**8-A. Proximate audience technician.** "Proximate audience technician" means a person licensed pursuant to section 231 who, by examination, experience and training, has demonstrated the required skill and competence in the use and discharge of fireworks proximate to an audience to conduct a display or special effects display proximate to an audience. A proximate audience technician is the person who is responsible for the safety of the proximate audience and setting up and conducting the display.

**Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §227-C, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 671, §6, is amended to read:

4. Failure to employ or use fireworks technician. The applicant fails to use a licensed fireworks technician, proximate audience technician or flame effect technician as required to conduct the display.

**Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §231,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 671, §12 and amended by PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read: