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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Whereas, recently enacted federal legislation, the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, Public Law No. 113-235, provides that specified federal funds may not be used to enforce that change in regulation in a state that, like Maine, allowed issuance of a commercial learner's permit to the state's residents under 18 years of age prior to May 9, 2011; and

Whereas, many of the State's vocational and technical schools provide commercial driver education instruction and programs to residents under 18 years of age, which allows them to obtain their commercial license upon reaching 18 years of age and which allows them to gain employment in the trucking industry upon reaching the age of majority; and

Whereas, the State's economy benefits by having a pool of licensed commercial drivers to meet the needs of the trucking industry; 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. 29-A MRSA §1304, sub-§4-A, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. B, §16, is repealed.

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

Effective April 30, 2015.

CHAPTER 47

S.P. 202 - L.D. 586

An Act To Amend the Maine Economic Development Venture Capital Revolving Investment Program

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1026-N, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 424, §1, is amended to read:

3. Disbursements from fund. If an application is approved, the authority shall determine the amount to be invested in the private venture capital fund, taking into account:

A. The size of the region served by the private venture capital fund and the expected demand for venture capital investments in that region; and

B. The demand for venture capital investments from other eligible private venture capital funds in relation to the total amount available in the fund and whether an eligible private venture capital fund will serve a geographic area or segment of potential businesses not served by other applicants.

Funds must be disbursed directly to and retained by the eligible private venture capital fund in accordance with a contract of investment between the private venture capital fund and the authority. All money invested in the private venture capital fund by the authority must be held in the name of the authority. Investment earnings on amounts invested by the authority must be credited to the authority and periodically paid to the authority. Any uncommitted balances existing in the fund at any time may, at the discretion of the authority, be transferred to the Economic Recovery Program Fund established in section 1023-I.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 48

S.P. 246 - L.D. 688

An Act To Amend the Laws Related to the Bolduc Correctional Facility

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

Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3266, as amended by PL 1999, c. 583, §§24 and 25, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §4205 is enacted to read:

§4205. Employees of the facility

Employees of the facility have the same power as do deputy sheriffs in their respective counties to search for and apprehend escapees from the facility when authorized to do so by the director.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 49

H.P. 481 - L.D. 705

An Act Relating to Insurance Licensing

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §1416-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2005, c. 43, §1, is further amended to read: