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CHAPTER 313 H.P. 509 - L.D. 756

An Act To Enhance the Address Confidentiality Program Regarding Property Records

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

- **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §90-B, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 478, §1, is further amended to read:
- **4. Use of designated address.** Upon demonstration of a program participant's certification in the program, state and local <u>government</u> agencies and the courts shall accept and use only the designated address as a program participant's address unless the secretary has <u>determined that:</u> <u>approved an exemption pursuant</u> to subsection 5-A.
 - A. The agency has a bona fide statutory or administrative requirement for the use of the program participant's address or mailing address, such that it is unable to fulfill its statutory duties and obligations without the residential address; and
 - B. The program participant's address or mailing address will be used only for those statutory and administrative purposes.
- **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §90-B, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 478, §1, is repealed.
- Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §90-B, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:
- 5-A. Disclosure to law enforcement and to other state and local agencies. If the secretary determines it appropriate, the secretary may make a program participant's address or mailing address available for use by granting an exemption under the following circumstances:
 - A. Upon request to the secretary by:
 - (1) A law enforcement agency in the manner provided for by rule; or
 - (2) A commissioner or other chief administrator of a state or local government agency or the commissioner's or administrator's designee in the manner provided for by rule; and
 - B. Upon a finding by the secretary that:
 - (1) An agency under paragraph A has a bona fide statutory, administrative or law enforcement requirement for use of the program participant's address or mailing address such that the agency is unable to fulfill its statutory duties and obligations without the address or mailing address; and

- (2) The program participant's address or mailing address will be used only for those statutory, administrative or law enforcement purposes and otherwise will be kept under seal and excluded from public inspection.
- **Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2,** ¶**K,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 361, §11, is further amended to read:
 - K. The disclosure by a municipal assessor, or by the State Tax Assessor with regard to the unorganized territory, of information contained on a declaration of value filed pursuant to section 4641-D or the Internet publication by the State Tax Assessor of information, other than taxpayer identification numbers, obtained from declarations of value filed pursuant to section 4641-D, except that, upon request by an individual who is certified by the Secretary of State as a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to Title 5, section 90-B, the municipal assessor shall redact the name of that individual on the declaration of value form prior to disclosure;

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 314 S.P. 315 - L.D. 870

An Act To Amend the Maine Spruce Budworm Management Laws

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

- **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8422, sub-§§1, 2 and 4,** as enacted by PL 1979, c. 737, §12, are amended to read:
- 1. Supply of wood. The protection of an adequate Monitoring the status of and reporting on the present and future supply of wood to support the long-term economic needs of the State and of its forest products industries;
- **2. Development of program.** The development and utilization in both the public and private sectors of forest protection and management programs which that are cost-effective, biologically sound and responsive to the public's environmental and health concerns of the public;
- **4. Private efforts; pest management.** The encouragement of private efforts to undertake a variety of integrated pest management techniques which that result in a long-term reduction in the susceptibility vulnerability of the state's State's forests to spruce budworm infestation and loss;