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CHAPTER 131

S.P. 169 - L.D. 508

An Act Regarding Restrictions on the Purchase of Certain Animals

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3972, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 383, §3, is amended to read:

B. Sell, display, raffle, give away or offer for sale to the public any live fowl, turtles or rabbits under 8 weeks of age in lots of less than 62;

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CHAPTER 132

H.P. 565 - L.D. 785

An Act To Improve Safety and Traffic Efficiency near School Grounds

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2091-A is enacted to read:

§2091-A. School crossing guards

1. Qualifications. A school crossing guard is gualified to direct traffic if the school crossing guard:

A. Is 18 years of age or older;

B. Is under the control of a local law enforcement agency:

C. Has completed training approved by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards in controlling traffic on a public way and as described by section 2091, subsection 2 to perform any traffic direction duties to which the school crossing guard is assigned as prescribed by the local law enforcement agency that has control over the school crossing guard;

D. Is wearing an appropriate uniform as specified by the local law enforcement agency that has control over the school crossing guard; and

E. Is directing traffic in an intersection with a marked crosswalk on a public way.

2. Obeying school crossing guards. An operator of a motor vehicle shall obey a hand signal or handheld traffic control device of a school crossing guard qualified under subsection 1. A violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction. **3.** Assisting pedestrians. This section does not prohibit a school crossing guard who does not meet the specifications described in subsection 1 from assisting a pedestrian to cross a public way, as long as the school crossing guard does not attempt to do so by directing traffic.

4. Restrictions. A school crossing guard may not contradict or override a lighted traffic control device or pedestrian control device or cause a pedestrian or motor vehicle to violate the provisions of section 2057.

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CHAPTER 133

S.P. 280 - L.D. 880

An Act To Protect a Homeowner's Equity of Redemption in a Foreclosure Action

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6322, 2nd ¶, as corrected by RR 2013, c. 2, §27, is amended to read:

If the court determines that such a breach exists, a judgment of foreclosure and sale must issue providing that if the mortgagor or the mortgagor's successors, heirs and assigns do not pay the sum that the court adjudges to be due and payable, with interest within the period of redemption, the mortgagee shall proceed with a sale as provided. Notwithstanding section 6704, for property described in section 6111, a writ of possession may not issue until the expiration of the period of redemption provided for in this section, except that this section does not impair the right of a mortgagee to exercise rights set forth in the mortgage or security instrument to protect the mortgaged property. If the mortgagor or the mortgagor's successors. heirs and assigns pay to the mortgagee the sum that the court adjudges to be due and payable to the mortgagee with interest within the period of redemption, then the mortgagee shall forthwith discharge the mortgage and file a dismissal of the action for foreclosure with the clerk of the court.

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