

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2018**

resident Class II license for applicants 70 years of age or older or resident apprentice license for applicants ~~70~~ 18 years of age or older, \$10;

C. For a resident Class II license for applicants under 70 years of age or resident Class III license for applicants 70 years of age or older, \$20;

D. For a resident Class III license for applicants under 70 years of age, nonresident Class I license for applicants under 18 years of age or a nonresident apprentice license for applicants under 18 years of age, \$30;

E. For a nonresident Class I license for applicants 18 years of age or older or nonresident apprentice license for applicants 18 years of age or older, \$60;

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6749-Q, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 615, §19, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6749-Q, last ¶**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 615, §20, is further amended to read:

The commissioner shall deposit all surcharges assessed in this section in the Sea Urchin Research Fund established in section 6749-R, ~~except that fees collected under subsection 3 must be evenly split between the Sea Urchin Research Fund and the Scallop Research Fund established in section 6729-A.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 321**

**H.P. 165 - L.D. 209**

**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Temporary Sign Usage**

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

**Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1913-A, sub-§1, ¶L**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 403, §4, is amended to read:

L. Temporary signs placed within the public right-of-way for a maximum of ~~6~~ 12 weeks per calendar year. A temporary sign may not be placed within 30 feet of another temporary sign bearing the same or substantially the same message. A temporary sign may not exceed 4 feet by 8 feet in size. A sign under this paragraph ~~must be labeled with~~ include or be marked with the name and address of the individual, entity or organization that placed the sign within the public

right-of-way and the ~~designated time period~~ date the sign ~~will be maintained~~ was erected within the public right-of-way.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 322**

**H.P. 1163 - L.D. 1675**

**An Act To Clarify Definitions in the Laws Regarding the Licensing of Eating Establishments and Lodging Places**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13063, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 304, Pt. C, §2 and c. 682, §38, is further amended to read:

**5. Retail business permitting program.** ~~By February 1, 2012, the~~ The ombudsman shall establish and administer a central permitting program for all permits required by retail businesses selling directly to the final consumer, including, but not limited to, permits required for the operation of hotels and motels, convenience stores and eating ~~and lodging places es-~~ tablishments, and permits required for the sale of liquor or beer, tobacco, food, beverages, lottery tickets and gasoline. Permits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Marine Resources and the Maine Land Use Planning Commission are not included in this program. The ombudsman shall:

A. Create a consolidated permit procedure that allows each business to check on a cover sheet all state permits for which it is applying and to receive all permit applications from a centralized office;

B. Total all permit fees due from a business, collect those fees on a semiannual basis, with 1/2 of the total fees due by January 1st and 1/2 of the total fees due by July 1st, and distribute the fees to the appropriate funds or permitting entities;

C. Forward a copy of the appropriate permit application to any commission, department, municipality or other agency that has responsibility for permitting that retail business;

D. Develop a tracking system to track permits issued by state agencies. This system must at a minimum include information on the applicant, agency involvement, time elapsed or expended on the permit and action taken;

E. Coordinate and supervise the permitting process to ensure that all involved state agencies proc-