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STATE OF MAINE

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3. Exception. This section does not apply to an employer who inquires about compensation history pursuant to any federal or state law that specifically requires the disclosure or verification of compensation history for employment purposes.

4. Penalty. This section may be enforced pursuant to section 626-A. The civil action provided pursuant to section 626-A may be brought to enforce this section by or on behalf of a person affected by a violation of subsection 2 or by the Department of Labor on behalf of a person affected by a violation of subsection 2, and the plaintiff or plaintiffs may also seek judgment for compensatory damages.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 36
H.P. 59 - L.D. 62**

An Act To Enhance the Senior Volunteer Benefit Program

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §6232, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 635, §2, is amended to read:

1-A. Volunteer program. A municipality may by ordinance adopt a program that permits claimants who are at least 60 years of age to earn benefits up to a maximum of \$750 ~~\$1,000~~ or 100 times the state minimum hourly wage under Title 26, section 664, subsection 1, whichever is greater, by volunteering to provide services to the municipality. A program adopted under this subsection does not need to meet the requirements of subsection 1, paragraph B or C. Benefits provided under this subsection must be related to the amount of volunteer service provided. Benefits received under this subsection may not be considered income for purposes of Part 8. A municipality may by ordinance establish procedures and additional standards of eligibility for a program adopted under this subsection.

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**CHAPTER 37
H.P. 192 - L.D. 229**

An Act To Increase the Safety of Home Buyers Concerning Chimney Inspections

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

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §173, sub-§2-A, ¶¶E and F, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 378, §26 and affected by §29, are amended to read:

E. The annual fuel consumption per heating system or source; ~~and~~

F. Any malfunctions per heating system or source within the past 2 years; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 33 MRSA §173, sub-§2-A, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. The date of the most recent inspection of the chimneys and vents for the heating system or source;

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**CHAPTER 38
H.P. 225 - L.D. 301**

An Act To Help Older Adults Age in Place through Comprehensive Planning

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4301, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

1-B. Age-friendly community. "Age-friendly community" means a community where policies, services, settings and structures support and enable older people to actively age in place and that recognizes the capabilities, resources and needs of older adults, plans to meet the needs of older adults in flexible ways that support healthy and active aging, promotes the inclusion and contributions of older adults in all areas of community life, respects the self-determination and independence of older adults and protects those older adults who are most vulnerable.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4312, sub-§3, ¶J, as amended by PL 2015, c. 349, §1, is further amended to read:

J. To promote and protect the availability of outdoor recreation opportunities for all Maine citizens, including access to surface waters; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4312, sub-§3, ¶K, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 349, §2, is amended to read:

K. To encourage municipalities to develop policies that assess community needs and environmental effects of municipal regulations, lessen the effect of excessive parking requirements for buildings in downtowns and on main streets and provide for alternative approaches for compliance relating to the reuse of upper floors of buildings in downtowns and on main streets; ~~and~~