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CHAPTER 41

H.P. 599 - L.D. 825

An Act To Change the Harassment Prevention Training Required for Legislators, Legislative Staff and Lobbyists

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §170-B, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 443, §1, is amended to read:

§170-B. Required training regarding harassment

All Legislators, legislative staff and lobbyists shall attend and complete a course of in-person education and training regarding harassment, including, but not limited to, sexual harassment and racial harassment, at the beginning of each regular session of the Legislature. The Legislative Council shall develop and implement this course of education and training. For the purpose of this section, "lobbyist" has the same meaning as in section 312-A, subsection 10.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 42

S.P. 77 - L.D. 265

An Act To Increase Opportunities for Hunters, Anglers and Sporting Camps by Extending the Seasons on Upland Game

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this Act must become effective before the end of the 90-day period in order for the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules relating to the open season on the hunting of upland game before the 2019 season; 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. 12 MRSA §10954 is enacted to read:

§10954. Start of open season on upland game

The open season on upland game must begin on the last Saturday in September. The commissioner, by rule, shall determine the length of the open season on upland game.

As used in this section, "upland game" means snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, ruffed grouse and bobwhite quail.

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

Effective April 22, 2019.

CHAPTER 43

H.P. 179 - L.D. 216

An Act To Protect Water Quality by Standardizing the Law Concerning Septic Inspection in the Shoreland Zone

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4216, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 568, §2, is amended to read:

2. Additional requirements; shoreland areas. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, the following provisions apply to the transfer of property within a ~~coastal~~ shoreland area as described in Title 38, section 435.

A. A person purchasing property on which a subsurface waste water disposal system is located within a ~~coastal~~ shoreland area, as described in Title 38, section 435, shall prior to purchase have the system inspected by a person certified by the department except that if it is impossible due to weather conditions to perform an inspection of the system prior to the purchase, the inspection must be performed within 9 months after transfer of the property. If the inspection finds that the system is malfunctioning, the system must be repaired or replaced within one year after transfer of the property. For purposes of this paragraph only, indications of a malfunctioning system are limited to the indications specified in the definition of "malfunctioning system" in the department's rules regulating subsurface waste water disposal that are in effect on the effective date of this paragraph.

B. A subsurface waste water disposal system that has been installed pursuant to section 4211 and rules adopted under Title 22, section 42 within 3 years prior to the closing date of the transfer of