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**CHAPTER 47
H.P. 229 - L.D. 305**

An Act To Protect Job Applicants from Identity Theft

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §598-A is enacted to read:

§598-A. Prospective employee's social security number

Beginning January 1, 2020, an employer may not request a social security number from a prospective employee on an employment application or during the application process for employment except for the purposes of substance abuse testing under subchapter 3-A or a preemployment background check. This section does not apply to an employer's request for a social security number after the employee has been hired.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 48
S.P. 106 - L.D. 365**

An Act To Allow Flexible Business Hours for Certain Agency Liquor Stores

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §356 is enacted to read:

§356. Flexible hours for certain agency liquor stores

If an agency liquor store is subject to a substantial seasonal variation in business or retail customers based upon tourism or other factors, the agency liquor store may have flexibility in setting seasonal hours. An agency liquor store that establishes seasonal hours under this section shall notify the bureau, in writing, of those seasonal hours.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 49
H.P. 363 - L.D. 506**

An Act To Provide Architects, Engineers and Certain Other Professionals Immunity from Civil Liability When Volunteering for Evaluating Damage from Disasters

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §172 is enacted to read:

§172. Liability related to professional services for natural disaster or catastrophe

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Architect" means a person licensed as an architect under Title 32, chapter 3-A.

B. "Building inspection official" means a public official with executive responsibility to coordinate building inspection in the jurisdiction in which a natural disaster or catastrophe has occurred.

C. "Contractor" means a person engaged in the business of designing, developing, constructing, altering, adding to or repairing new or existing structures, buildings, facilities, project utilities, equipment, machines, processes, piping or other engineered systems or infrastructure or their appurtenances.

D. "Engineer" means a person licensed as a professional engineer under Title 32, chapter 19.

E. "Environmental official" means a public official with executive responsibility for coordinating an environmental response in the jurisdiction in which a natural disaster or catastrophe has occurred.

F. "Environmental professional" means a person engaged in the business of providing hazardous waste site clean-up services. "Environmental professional" includes a hazardous waste transporter licensed according to Title 38, section 1319-O.

G. "Land surveyor" means a person licensed as a professional land surveyor according to Title 32, chapter 141.

H. "Landscape architect" means a person licensed as a landscape architect under Title 32, chapter 3-A.

I. "Law enforcement official" means a public official with executive responsibility to coordinate law enforcement in the jurisdiction in which a natural disaster or catastrophe has occurred.