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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12404, sub-§2, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §242 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

2. Beaver. A Except as provided in paragraph A, a person may not take or kill beaver under sections 12401 and 12402. The commissioner may cause agents of the department to take nuisance beaver at any time.

A. In accordance with section 10105, subsection 1, the commissioner may at any time authorize a landowner, a person on behalf of the landowner or an agent of the department to take or kill nuisance beaver.

A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime.

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

Effective May 25, 2021.

CHAPTER 61

H.P. 229 - L.D. 325

An Act To Allow Students Who Experienced Significant Education Interruption as a Result of the COVID-19 Pandemic To Be Eligible for a Department of Education Diploma

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

Whereas, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting state of emergency, many students have been unable to access on-site education on a consistent basis; and

Whereas, this legislation allows students who have had limited access to on-site education to become eligible for a Department of Education diploma if that student cannot meet the additional requirements necessary for a local diploma; and

Whereas, this legislation is necessary to support students who are currently in their 4th year of secondary school with anticipated graduation in May 2021; 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. 20-A MRSA §257-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Eligibility for students impacted by COVID-19 pandemic. Notwithstanding the eligibility requirements in subsection 1, a student is eligible to apply for a Department of Education diploma if that student is a 4th year secondary school student and is unable to satisfy the requirements for a diploma from a school administrative unit because the student experienced a significant interruption to the student's education as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and civil emergency during the student's secondary school education history.

This subsection is repealed on September 1, 2023.

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

Effective May 25, 2021.

CHAPTER 62

S.P. 36 - L.D. 28

An Act To Update the Silver Alert Program To Include Missing Endangered Persons

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2201, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 583, §1, is amended to read:

§2201. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Department. "Department" means the Department of Public Safety.

2. Missing senior citizen. "Missing senior citizen" means a person:

A. Who at the time the person is first reported missing is 60 years of age or older or, under extraordinary circumstances, a person 18 to 59 years of age who also meets the criteria in paragraphs B and C;

B. With respect to whom there is a clear indication that the person has an irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties such as dementia, as determined by a local law enforcement agency; and

C. Whose disappearance poses a credible threat to the safety and health of the person as determined by a local law enforcement agency.