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CHAPTER 112

S.P. 249 - L.D. 635

An Act Relating to Hunting with a Noise Suppression Device

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§6-A is enacted to read:

6-A. Mandatory hunting license revocation when using a suppressor. The commissioner shall suspend a person's hunting license for at least 3 years if that person is convicted of any violation listed in subsection 6 and found to have been in possession, at the time of the offense, of a firearm with a device used to suppress or deaden the sound or natural report of the firearm.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11161, as amended by PL 2017, c. 366, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §11214, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2015, c. 262, §2, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 113

H.P. 489 - L.D. 662

An Act To Allow the Use of an Additional Light on the Roof of Vehicles of Active Members of a Municipal or Volunteer Fire Department

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§2, ¶**F**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 26, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) The municipal officers or a municipal official designated by the municipal officers, with the approval of the fire chief, may authorize an active member of a municipal or volunteer fire department to use one red or combination red and white flashing auxiliary light mounted in the windshield or on the dashboard at the front of the vehicle or 2 flashing red or combination red and white auxiliary lights mounted on the front of the vehicle above the front bumper and below the hood and one red auxiliary light mounted in the rear window area. In addition to the lights authorized under this subparagraph, the municipal officers or municipal official designated by the municipal

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officers, with the approval of the fire chief, may authorize an active member of a municipal or volunteer fire department to use one red light bar no more than 8 inches in length on the roof of the vehicle so that the light is visible to approaching traffic from the front and the rear of the vehicle. The light or lights may be displayed but may be used only while the member is en route to or at the scene of a fire or other emergency. A light mounted on the dashboard or in the windshield must be shielded so that the emitted light does not interfere with the operator's vision. The use of lights may be revoked at any time by the fire chief.

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CHAPTER 114

H.P. 497 - L.D. 670

An Act To Increase the Lobbyist Registration Fee

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §313, as amended by PL 2019, c. 587, §7 and affected by §18, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

<u>§313. Registration of lobbyists, lobbyist associates</u> <u>and employers</u>

1. Registration. No later than 15 business days after lobbying more than 8 hours in a calendar month on behalf of an employer, a lobbyist shall submit a joint registration to the commission for the employer, the lobbyist and any lobbyist associates and pay a registration fee of \$250. The lobbyist shall pay an additional \$125 for each lobbyist associate included in the joint registration.

2. Fee waiver. The commission may waive the fee or fees required under subsection 1 in whole or in part if the commission determines that the fee or fees constitute an economic hardship to the employer. A lobbyist or employer may submit an application for a waiver under this subsection on a form or in the format approved by the commission. After receiving an application for a fee waiver, the commission may request relevant information from the lobbyist or employer, including, but not limited to, the amount of compensation the employer expects to pay the lobbyist in the coming lobbying year, the employer's budgeted expenditures for personnel or for all programs and activities in the coming year and the employer's revenues or expenses in the prior year.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.