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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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Motahkomikuk, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik and the Penobscot Nation may jointly appoint as a member of the cemetery preservation commission an individual who is a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State.

3. Duties. The cemetery preservation commission may:

A. Advise and educate municipalities and property owners about the existence of burying grounds and cemeteries and the laws applicable to burying grounds and cemeteries;

B. Advise and educate municipalities, property owners and owners of burying grounds and cemeteries on the proper care and preservation of graves, gravestones, walls and fences in and around burying grounds and cemeteries; and

C. Review statutes applicable to burying grounds and cemeteries and provide information to the Legislature on recommended changes.

4. Bureau's duties. Notwithstanding subsection 3, the duties of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services are limited to arranging for and attending cemetery preservation commission meetings and must be accomplished within existing resources.

5. Bylaws. The members shall adopt bylaws within one year of the effective date of this section. The bylaws must provide for the regulation and management of the affairs of the cemetery preservation commission and must establish the terms of office, including staggering the initial terms, the method for selecting a chair and the method for filling a vacancy on the cemetery preservation commission. The bylaws may be amended at any time by the affirmative vote of a majority of members.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 585

H.P. 1383 - L.D. 1873

An Act Related to Airboats

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13068-A, sub-§10, ¶A-2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 166, §1, is amended by amending the last blocked paragraph to read:

This paragraph is repealed on September 30, 2022 2023.

Sec. 2. Stakeholder group; department action; report. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Commissioner of Marine Resources, referred to in this section as "the commissioners," shall reconvene the stakeholder group convened

pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 166 to continue its discussions regarding issues related to airboat noise levels.

1. Staffing. The commissioners shall provide necessary staffing services to the stakeholder group.

2. Department actions. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, referred to in this section as "the department," shall seek ways to increase water access points for shellfish harvesters and shall monitor the noise decibel levels of airboats.

3. Report. The department shall provide a report that includes its findings, any findings of the stakeholder group, a list of stakeholders that participated in the stakeholder group meetings and any recommendations of the department or the stakeholder group, including any proposed statutory changes if needed, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by January 3, 2024. The committee may report out a bill related to airboats to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 586

H.P. 1368 - L.D. 1847

An Act To Prohibit a Public Utility from Terminating or Disconnecting Service to a Public Safety Facility without Advance Notice and Approval

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

Whereas, continuous utility services are increasingly essential to the operation of Maine's public safety facilities; and

Whereas, on at least 2 occasions public safety facilities in Maine have been disconnected or nearly disconnected due to billing errors and without advance notice; and

Whereas, the purpose of this legislation is to ensure that public safety facilities receive adequate notice of terminations or disconnections of utility services; 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: