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**CHAPTER 108
S.P. 269 - L.D. 652**

**An Act to Allow the
Reinstatement of Certain
Commercial Driver's Licenses**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1253, sub-§2, ¶D, as amended by PL 2009, c. 447, §27, is further amended to read:

D. Protect public safety by removing from public ways a commercial driver who has:

- (1) Operated or attempted to operate a commercial vehicle while having an alcohol level of 0.04 grams or more of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood or 210 liters of breath;
- (2) Refused to submit to or complete a lawfully requested test to determine that driver's alcohol level; or
- (3) Operated or attempted to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1253, sub-§2, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

E. Provide maximum safety on public ways; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1253, sub-§2, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. Allow for the reinstatement, in accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 383.51(a)(6) (2023), of a commercial license of any driver who has been disqualified for life from operating a commercial motor vehicle for offenses described in paragraphs (b)(1) to (b)(8) of Table 1 to 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 383.51 (2023).

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2025.

Effective January 1, 2025.

**CHAPTER 109
S.P. 376 - L.D. 879**

**An Act to Place Restrictions on
Candidate Speech and
Clothing, Buttons and Other
Items at Voting Places**

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 371, §21, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

These limitations do not prohibit a candidate from attending the voting place and orally communicating with voters as long as the candidate does not attempt to influence their vote. A candidate may not state the name of the office sought or request a person's vote, or no more than one representative of a candidate, from greeting a voter if the candidate or representative of the candidate does not state the name of the office that the candidate is seeking in that election year or wear any button, name tag, apparel or label or have or use any item or sign displaying the candidate's name or the name of the office the candidate is seeking or otherwise express support for or opposition to a party, a candidate or a ballot question.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 110
S.P. 401 - L.D. 982**

**An Act to Allow the Disclosure
of Death Certificate Data to
Hospitals and Health Care
Practitioners**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2706, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Disclosure of death certificate data to hospital or health care practitioner. Death certificate data must be made available, upon request and in accordance with rules adopted by the department, to a hospital licensed under chapter 405 or a health care practitioner as defined in section 1711-C, subsection 1, paragraph F. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 111
S.P. 39 - L.D. 47**

**An Act to Amend the Law
Governing Licensing Actions of
the Emergency Medical
Services' Board**

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