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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2023

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,310	\$2,310
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,310	\$2,310

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 213
H.P. 194 - L.D. 296**

An Act to Ensure Municipalities Receive a Higher Percentage of All-terrain Vehicle and Snowmobile Registration Fees to Cover Increased Expenses

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13105, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

B. Agents may charge a service fee of not more than ~~\$4~~ \$5 for each snowmobile registration or renewal registration issued and ~~\$2~~ \$5 for each registration covered by sections 13002 to 13005. This service fee is retained by the agent.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13156, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

3. Service fees. An agent may charge a service fee of ~~\$4~~ not more than \$5 for each ATV registration or renewal registration issued and ~~\$2~~ \$5 for each registration covered by sections 13002 to 13005. This service fee is retained by the agent.

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**CHAPTER 214
H.P. 248 - L.D. 397**

An Act to Allow Signs at Outdoor Athletic Facilities

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1908-B is enacted to read:

§1908-B. Outdoor advertising; outdoor athletic facilities

1. Signs. A municipality may build and maintain an advertising sign visible to the traveling public from a public way at an outdoor athletic facility as long as the sign:

A. Is oriented inward to the persons visiting or using the facility;

B. Is secured to a fence, scoreboard or accessory structure;

C. Does not exceed the height of the structure on which it is located; and

D. Does not exceed 4 feet by 8 feet.

2. Revenue collected. Revenue collected from advertising fees under this section by a municipality must be used for purposes related to the construction, maintenance, operation or programming of the athletic facility.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 215
H.P. 313 - L.D. 496**

An Act to Address Battery Storage System Decommissioning and Clarify Solar Energy Development Decommissioning

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3496, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 151, §1, is amended to read:

The Department of Environmental Protection shall administer and enforce this chapter with respect to the decommissioning of solar energy developments for which it is the environmental permitting entity, subject to the same powers and authorities granted to it pursuant to Title 38, chapter 2, ~~including which may include~~, but are not limited to, the adoption of rules and the establishment of reasonable fees. The Maine Land Use Planning Commission shall administer and enforce this chapter with respect to the decommissioning of solar energy developments for which it is the environmental permitting entity, subject to the same powers and authorities granted to it pursuant to Title 12, chapter 206-A, ~~including which may include~~, but are not limited to, the adoption of rules and the establishment of reasonable fees.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3497 is enacted to read:

§3497. Applicability

This chapter applies to a solar energy development with ground-mounted solar panels occupying 3 or more acres on which construction begins on or after October 1, 2021 and to any other solar energy development with ground-mounted solar panels occupying 3 or more acres that undergoes a transfer of ownership on or after October 1, 2021.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA c. 34-E is enacted to read: