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CHAPTER 46

AN ACT Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to Use a Modified Procedure in Considering Certain Contract Carrier Permits.

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

35 MRSA § 1555, sub-§ 3, first and 2nd sentences are repealed and the following enacted in their places:

No application for a permit shall be granted by the commission until after a hearing, except that the commission need not require a hearing on any application if, within 15 days of giving notice as required herein, the commission receives no objection to granting the permit. No permit shall be granted if the commission finds that the proposed operation of any contract carrier will be contrary to the declaration of policy of this chapter and chapter 95, or otherwise will not be consistent with the public interest, or will impair the efficient public service of any authorized common carrier or will interfere with the use of the highways by the public. The commission shall give notice of all applications for permits, in such manner and to such persons, firms, corporations and common carriers as it deems necessary. When a hearing is required by this section or when the commission orders a hearing in its discretion, notice of the hearing shall be given to all persons, firms and corporations who seek to be parties in the proceedings at least 7 days prior to the time fixed for hearing.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 47

AN ACT Relating to Physicians' Assistants.

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

Whereas, certain regulations concerning physicians' assistants will expire on April 1, 1977; and

Whereas, it is in the public interest to have permanent rules and regulations governing physicians' assistants; and

Whereas, it is necessary to insure that physicians' assistants are properly qualified and registered; 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:

32 MRSA § 3270-D, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 680, § 1, is repealed.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective March 31, 1977

CHAPTER 48

AN ACT to Extend to April 14th the Time Limit for Decision on State Funding Levels for Education and on the State Property Tax Rate, to Delay any Municipal Tax Commitments until April 28th, and to Extend the School Budget Adoption Date until May 15th.

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

Whereas, current statute now requires the Legislature to annually, prior to April 1st, set the basic level of state funding for schools and to set the uniform property tax rate; and

Whereas, the Legislature is currently acting upon proposals for far-reaching changes in the areas of state funding for schools and of the uniform property tax; and

Whereas, any determination, prior to April 1, 1977, of next year's state funding level for schools and of next year's uniform property tax rate may be negated by legislative change in these 2 areas, a negation which could cause great confusion for local government; and

Whereas, it is therefore vital that the setting of the state funding level for schools and of the uniform property tax rate be delayed until April 14th, by which time the Legislature will have acted on these proposals for change; and

Whereas, the Legislature is also considering proposals to provide municipalities with alternate sources of funding for the inventory tax, which is to be abolished by March 31, 1977; and

Whereas, in order to provide the Legislature with additional time to consider these proposals, municipal tax commitments must be delayed until April 28th; and

Whereas, in order to permit school administrative units to adopt budgets based upon legislative action on school financing the date for adoption of school budgets must be extended until May 15th; 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,