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

39 MRSA § 104-A as amended by PL 1973, c. 746, § 10, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 104-A. Compensation payments; penalty

The employer or insurance carrier shall make compensation payments as follows:

1. Order or decision. Within 10 days after the receipt notice of an approved agreement for payment of compensation or within 10 days after any order or decision of the commission awarding compensation. Payment shall not be suspended thereafter in the event of appeal to the law court from such order or decision as provided in section 103, except that the commission shall retain jurisdiction, pending the decision on appeal, to enter orders or decisions as provided in section 100. If the commission, after a review of incapacity under section 100, issues an order or decision denying compensation to an employee, compensation shall be suspended from the date of the commission's order or decision, notwithstanding any appeal of that order or decision to the law court as provided in section 103.

2. Failure. In the event of failure by the employer or insurance carrier to pay compensation as provided in this section, a penalty, not to exceed \$25 for each day of noncompliance, shall be assessed against the employer or the insurance carrier. All penalties collected shall be deposited with the Treasurer of State.

This section shall not apply to claims involving employees of the State.

If an employer who is required to secure the payment to his employees of the compensation provided for by this Act, fails to do so, he shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both. Failure of an employer, after imposition of the foregoing penalty, to secure the payment of compensation under this Act after notice by the commission to such employer to do so shall, as to each such notice, be deemed a further violation in respect thereof and the same penalty shall be imposed. If such employer is a corporation, the president or treasurer, or both, shall be liable for such penalty.

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CHAPTER 334

AN ACT Relating to Voter Registration.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 103 is enacted to read:

§ 103. Advance registration

The registrar shall conditionally accept the registration and enrollment of any person whose age is between 17 years 6 months and 18 years and who is otherwise qualified to be a voter when such a person states to the registrar that he will be outside the State, as a student in an educational institution or as a member of the armed forces, during the first period at which he would otherwise be able to register. The registrar shall maintain a separate list of such persons, with a notation of their birthdates, and shall place their names on the voting list as soon as they have attained 18 years of age.

A person who has registered in accordance with this section and who has not attained 18 years of age may vote by absentee ballot at any election if that person attains 18 years of age on or before the date of the election and is otherwise eligible to vote by absentee ballot.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 1253, sub-§ 4 is amended by adding after the 2nd sentence a new sentence to read:

If the applicant has registered and enrolled where necessary, pursuant to section 103, and will attain 18 years of age on or before the date of the election, the registrar shall so certify on the application.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 335

AN ACT Concerning Postgraduate Education in the Field of Medicine, Dentistry, Optometry and Veterinary Medicine.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 2271, 1st ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 769, § 1, is amended to read:

It is the intent of the Legislature to acquire, to the greatest extent possible, the admission of qualified Maine residents to ~~out of state~~ educational institutions providing programs of instruction leading to the acquisition of doctoral degrees in allopathic and osteopathic medicine, dentistry, optometry and veterinary medicine.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 2271, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 769, § 1, is amended by adding after the 1st paragraph a new paragraph to read:

It is further the intent of the Legislature consistent with the purposes of this chapter to have the State of Maine cooperate with Maine public and private post-secondary institutions, teaching hospitals, health and professional associations and other appropriate health care institutions in the furtherance