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the notice of intent not to renew and the reason or reasons shall be explicit. Explanations such as "underwriting reasons," "underwriting experience," "loss record," "driving experience," "credit report," and similar insurance terms are not by themselves acceptable explanations of an insurer's intended nonrenewal of an automobile insurance policy.

Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA § 2920, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 339, § 1, is amended to read:

The purpose of this hearing shall be limited to establishing the existence of the proof or evidence used given by the insurer in its reason for cancellation or intent not to renew.

Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA § 2922 is enacted to read:

§ 2922. Superintendent's authority to suspend

In the event of impairment or serious financial difficulty of an insurer, the superintendent shall have the authority to suspend the provisions of this Act from applying to the policies of the financially distressed insurer.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 404

AN ACT Providing for the Practice of Architecture through a Corporation or a Partnership.

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

32 MRSA § 202, sub-§ 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Corporations and partnerships. No corporation as such shall be registered to practice architecture in this State, but it shall be lawful for a corporation to practice architecture providing at least $\frac{1}{3}$ of the directors, if a corporation, or $\frac{1}{3}$ of the partners, if a partnership, are licensed under the laws of any state to practice architecture and the person having the practice of architecture in his charge is himself a director, if a corporation, or a partner, if a partnership, and licensed to practice architecture under this chapter and all drawings, plans, specifications and administration of construction or alterations of buildings or projects by such corporation are under the personal direction of such registered architect. One-third of the directors or partners shall be licensed under the laws of any state to practice engineering, architecture, landscape architecture or planning. In cases where the number of directors or partners is not divisible by 3, the number of directors or partners shall be the number that results from rounding up or rounding down to the nearest number.

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