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**CHAPTER 95**

H. P. 309 — L. D. 427

**AN ACT Relating to Revisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Statute and to Conform the Occupational Safety and Health Rules and Regulations to Federal Requirements.****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:**

**Sec. 1.** 26 MRSA § 45, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 519, § 6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**If, upon inspection, the director or any authorized agent of the bureau finds that an employer has violated any rule or order promulgated pursuant to section 565, he shall immediately issue a citation to the employer. Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe with particularity the nature of the violation, including a reference to the provision of the standard, rules, regulations or order alleged to have been violated. In addition, the citation shall fix a specific time for the abatement of the violation.**

**Sec. 2.** 26 MRSA § 50, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 519, § 10, is repealed as follows:

~~No person shall discharge or in any manner discriminate against an employee because such person has filed any complaint concerning alleged violations of occupational safety or health standards or has testified or is about to testify in any proceeding relating to employee safety and health or because of the exercise by such employee on behalf of himself or others of any right granted him by this chapter.~~

**Sec. 3.** 26 MRSA § 570 is enacted to read:

**§ 570. Discrimination**

**No person shall discharge or in any manner discriminate against an employee because that person has filed any complaint concerning alleged violations of occupational safety or health standards or has testified or is about to testify in any proceeding relating to employee safety and health or because of the exercise by the employee on behalf of himself or others of any right granted him by this chapter.**

**Any employee who believes that he has been discharged or otherwise discriminated against by any person in violation of this section may, within 30 days after the alleged violation occurs, file a complaint with the director, alleging discrimination. Upon receipt of the complaint, the director shall conduct an investigation as he deems appropriate. If upon investigation the director**

determines that the provisions of this chapter have been violated, he shall bring an action in the Superior Court in the county in which the alleged violation occurred. In any action, the Superior Court shall have jurisdiction, for cause shown, to restrain violations of this section and order all appropriate relief, including rehiring or reinstatement of the employee to his former position with back pay.

Within 90 days of the receipt of a complaint filed under this section, the director shall notify the complainant of his determination.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 96

H. P. 592 — L. D. 736

### AN ACT to Facilitate the Treatment of Minors for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Problems.

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 1823, first sentence**, as amended by PL 1977, c. 78, § 146, is further amended to read:

Any hospital licensed under this chapter or alcohol or drug treatment facility licensed pursuant to section 7801 which provides facilities to a minor in connection with the treatment of that minor for venereal disease or abuse of drugs or alcohol is under no obligation to obtain the consent of that minor's parent or guardian or to inform that parent or guardian of the provision of such facilities so long as such facilities have been provided at the direction of the person or persons referred to in Title 32, sections 2595, 3292, 3817 ~~or~~, 4185-A or 6221.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 2595, first sentence**, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 374, § 1, is amended to read:

Any person licensed under this chapter who renders medical care to a minor for treatment of venereal disease or abuse of drugs or alcohol is under no obligation to obtain the consent of said minor's parent or guardian or to inform such parent or guardian of such treatment.

**Sec. 3. 32 MRSA § 3292, first sentence**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 145, § 3, is amended to read:

Any person licensed under this chapter who renders medical care to a minor for treatment of venereal disease or abuse of drugs or alcohol is under no obligation to obtain the consent of said minor's parent or guardian or to inform such parent or guardian of such treatment.