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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.

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Sec. 3. 32 MRSA § 3292, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 145, § 3, is amended to read: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

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Sec. 4. 32 MRSA § 3817, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 145, § 4, is amended to read:

Any person licensed under this chapter who renders psychological services to a minor for problems associated with the 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 services.

Sec. 5. 32 MRSA § 6221 is enacted to read:

§ 6221. Treatment of minors

Any person licensed under this chapter who renders counseling services to a minor for the treatment of 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 that treatment. Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to prohibit the licensed person rendering that treatment from informing that parent or guardian. For the purposes of this section "abuse of drugs" means the use of drugs solely for their stimulant, depressant or hallucinogenic effect upon the higher functions of the central nervous system and not as a therapeutic agent recommended by a practitioner in the course of medical treatment.

Sec. 6. 32 MRSA § 7004, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 673, § 3, is amended to read:

Any person certified under this chapter who renders social work services to a minor for problems associated with the 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 treatment.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 97

H. P. 328 — L. D. 383

AN ACT to Increase the Legally Authorized Length of a Combination Tractor-trailer Operating Upon the Roadways of the State of Maine.

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

29 MRSA § 244, sub-§ 2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 451, is amended to read:

2. Combination tractor-trailer; exceptions. A combination of truck tractor and full trailer or truck tractor and semitrailer shall not exceed 56½ 60 feet in length, including all structural parts thereof, permanent or temporary, providing