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Sec. 4. 32 MRSA § 3817, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 145, § 4, is amended to read: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

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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29 MRSA § 244, sub-§ 2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 451, is amended to read: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 ~~56~~⁶⁰ feet in length, including all structural parts thereof, permanent or temporary, **providing**

that the trailer or semitrailer shall not exceed 45 feet in length, except:

A. ~~That the load on such vehicle combinations may extend beyond the 56½ feet by the usual bumper overhang of the transported vehicle in the case of a combination of motor vehicle and semitrailer exclusively engaged in the transportation of motor vehicles;~~

B. That the load on such vehicle combinations utilized exclusively for the transportation of tree length logs may extend beyond ~~56½~~ 60 feet by 8½ feet, provided that not more than 25% of the length of such logs shall extend beyond the body of such vehicle combination.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 98

H. P. 345 — L. D. 444

AN ACT to Allow Prorated Benefits for Times when a Person is Available for Work but Cannot Work for Important Personal Reasons.

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

26 MRSA § 1193, sub-§ 3, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 555, § 14, is further amended to read:

For the duration of his unemployment subsequent to his having refused to accept an offer of suitable work for which he is reasonably fitted, or having refused to accept a referral to a suitable job opportunity when directed to do so by a local employment office of this State or another state or if an employer is unable to contact a former employee at last known or given address, for the purpose of recall to suitable employment; or the individual fails to respond to a request to report to the local office for the purpose of a referral to a suitable job, and the disqualification shall continue until claimant has earned 8 times his weekly benefit amount; ~~except, that, if.~~ **If the commission determines that refusal has occurred for cause of necessitous and compelling nature, the individual shall be ineligible for the week in which the refusal occurred and while such inability or unavailability continues, but shall be eligible to receive prorated benefits for that portion of the week during which he was able and available.**

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