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

Sec. 1. 39 MRSA § 51-A is enacted to read:

§ 51-A. Voluntary payments

The provision by an employer of any allowance, benefit, payment or service to an injured employee or, in the event of his death, to his dependents, which is not then required to be provided under this Act or which is provided when there is any dispute or question concerning the right of the employee or his dependents to compensation under this Act, shall not be considered to be an admission of liability for compensation by the employer.

Sec. 2. 39 MRSA § 106-A is enacted to read:

§ 106-A. Notice by the commission

Within 90 days of receipt of an employer's notice of injury, as required by section 106, unless it has received a petition for award or approved an agreement for compensation relating to the injured employee, the commission shall take reasonable steps to notify the employee that a petition for award may be filed; section 110 of the Act provides for the payment of attorney's fees under certain circumstances; and rights under the Act may be protected unless a petition of award or approved agreement is on file with the commission within 2 years of the injury.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 143

H. P. 594 — L. D. 738

AN ACT Concerning Rules and Regulations on the Licensing of Ambulances and Ambulance Personnel.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 73, sub-§ 6, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 694, §§ 537 and 538, is further amended to read;

6. Rules and regulations. The Department of Human Services shall adopt such forms, rules, regulations, procedures and records as may be necessary to fulfill the purposes of this chapter in conformity with the requirements of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, except that in addition to the requirements established by this Act with regard to the holding of public hearings, the board shall hold one public hearing in each county in the State, at a site in each county as centrally located as possible, and in the evening, in order to provide the greatest opportunity for public participation. In the rules pursuant to

this chapter, the department may define and approve the level of emergency medical training required for licensed persons to administer emergency treatment procedures and advanced emergency treatment procedures. Successful completion of the cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses offered by the American Red Cross or the Maine Heart Association shall be considered as equivalent qualifications for purposes of fulfilling cardiopulmonary resuscitation training requirements as ambulance personnel. Licenses shall be annual licenses based on the date of issuance, except that the department may issue conditional licenses for lesser periods of time.

Sec. 2. Evaluation and report. The requirement of holding a public evening meeting in each county shall be evaluated 2 years after its inception and a report shall be made to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services of the Legislature.

Sec. 3. Effective date; repeal. This Act shall take effect 91 days after adjournment. The provisions of section 1 are repealed 2 years after the effective date of the Act.

Effective September 15, 1979 Unless otherwise indicated

CHAPTER 144

S. P. 392 — L. D. 1196

AN ACT Concerning the Reason for Nonrenewal of Policies Under the Maine Property Insurance Cancellation Control Act.

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

24-A MRSA § 3051, 2nd ¶ as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 414, § 5 is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

The reason for nonrenewal shall be a good faith reason rationally related to the insurability of the property.

Effective September 14, 1979