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AN ACT to Reconcile State Law with Federal Law Regulating the Continuation of Group Health Insurance Coverage.

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

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2330, sub-§11, ¶¶D and I, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 684, §1, are amended to read:

D. The payment amount for continued group coverage under this subsection may not exceed <u>102% of</u> the group rate in effect for a group member, including an employer's contribution, if any.

I. This subsection shall not be construed to:

(1) Prevent members or employees from negotiating for or receiving greater continued coverage of group insurance than is provided in this subsection; or

(2) Require coverage beyond the time limits set in paragraph \mathbf{E} F.

Sec. 2. 24 MRSA 2330, sub- 11, J is enacted to read:

J. This subsection does not apply to any group policy subject to the United States Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, Public Law 99-272, Title X, Private Health Insurance Coverage, Sections 10001 to 10003.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2809-A, sub-§11, ¶¶D and I, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 684, §2, are amended to read:

D. The payment amount for continued group coverage under this subsection may not exceed <u>102% of</u> the group rate in effect for a group member, including an employer's contribution, if any.

I. This subsection shall not be construed to:

(1) Prevent members or employees from negotiating for or receiving greater continued coverage of group insurance than is provided in this subsection; or

(2) Require coverage beyond the time limits set in paragraph \mathbf{E} F.

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2809-A, sub-§11, ¶J is enacted to read:

J. This subsection does not apply to any group policy subject to the United States Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, Public Law 99-272, Title X, Private Health Insurance Coverage, Sections 10001 to 10003.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 26

H.P. 54 – L.D. 57

AN ACT Concerning the Fees Recoverable by a Municipality in a Nuisance Abatement.

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

30 MRSA §4359, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1985, c. 612, §15, is further amended to read:

4. Abatement. In the event that the nuisance is not abated within the 10-day period, the municipal officers, or their agents, may enter the premises and cause the malfunction to be adequately remedied. Any actual and direct expenses, to include reasonable attorney's attornevs fees if a municipality is the prevailing party, incurred by a municipality in the abatement of such nuisances may shall be recovered from the owner by a civil complaint. The costs, including reasonable attorneys fees, to create and prosecute an action to collect expenses following such a civil complaint, shall also be recovered from the owners. In the alternative to collect such expenses, a special tax may be assessed by the assessors against the land on which the waste water disposal unit is located for the amount of such expenses, and such amount shall be included in the next annual warrant to the tax collector of said the town for collection, and shall be collected in the same manner as other state, county and municipal taxes are collected. Interest as determined by the municipality pursuant to Title 36, section 505, in the year in which the special tax is assessed shall accrue on all unpaid balances of any special tax beginning on the 60th day after the day of commitment of the special tax to the collector. The interest shall be added to and become part of the tax.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 27

H.P. 112 – L.D. 122

AN ACT to Continue the Central Filing System Established Pursuant to the United States Food Security Act of 1985.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, provisions of the United States Food Security Act of 1985, Public Law 99-198, Section 1324, provide for the secretary of state of every state to establish and operate a central filing system for the recording of notices of security interests in farm products; and

Whereas, in the absence of such a central state filing