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CHAPTER 546

S.P. 123 - L.D. 402

An Act to Amend the Family Medical Leave Laws

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §843, sub-§4, ¶¶A and D, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 661, are amended to read:

A. Serious ~~illness~~ health condition of the employee;

D. A child, parent or spouse with a serious ~~illness~~ health condition.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §843, sub-§§4-A and 6 are enacted to read:

4-A. Health care provider. "Health care provider" means:

A. A doctor of medicine or osteopathy who is licensed to practice medicine or surgery in this State; or

B. Any other person determined by the Secretary of Labor to be capable of providing health care services.

6. Serious health condition. "Serious health condition" means an illness, injury, impairment or physical or mental condition that involves:

A. Inpatient care in a hospital, hospice or residential medical care facility; or

B. Continuing treatment by a health care provider.

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §843, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 661, is repealed.

Sec. 4. Posting of notice. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 701, the Bureau of Labor Standards is not required to modify and redistribute the printed notice required by that section to reflect the changes in the laws resulting from this Act. The Bureau of Labor Standards shall modify the printed notice to reflect the changes contained in this Act when it becomes necessary to print additional notices due to an insufficient supply of such notices or future changes in the laws.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 547

S.P. 198 - L.D. 626

An Act to Provide for Department of Transportation Assistance in the Rehabilitation of Access Roads to Bridges of Historic Significance

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §703-A is enacted to read:

§703-A. Access roads to bridges of historic significance

1. Petition. The town officers of one or more towns or the county commissioners, if they are acting in the capacity of town officers, may petition the department for the reconstruction or rehabilitation of a town way that serves as an access road to a bridge designated pursuant to section 603 as a bridge of historic significance. The department shall hold a public hearing on the proposal. If the department decides reconstruction or rehabilitation of the road is warranted, it may arrange for reconstruction or rehabilitation under the following conditions.

A. The cost of reconstruction or rehabilitation must be paid 75% from the Highway Fund, subject to available funds, and 25% from the town, towns, county or counties involved.

B. The department has the responsibility for the supervision of the reconstruction or rehabilitation of the road.

C. No such road may be reconstructed or rehabilitated until the town, towns, county or counties involved have appropriated or raised, by taxation or otherwise, a sum sufficient to pay to the State its proportionate share of the cost of the reconstruction or rehabilitation under this section.

D. Upon completion of the reconstruction or rehabilitation, the town, towns, county or counties in which the section of the town way is located shall assume the responsibility for maintaining the road.

For the purposes of this section, "town" means any unit of local government, including municipalities, towns, cities, plantations and unorganized townships.

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