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**Augusta, Maine**  
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**CHAPTER 121****H.P. 1099 - L.D. 1546****An Act to Encourage Payment of Certain Workers' Compensation Premiums Owed to a Previous Insurer****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2385-F**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 398, §1, is amended to read:**§2385-F. Coverage denial**

Workers' compensation coverage may not be issued to an employer or continued if it has been issued until the employer pays any undisputed premiums or assessments to a previous workers' compensation insurer, including a domestic mutual insurer established pursuant to section 3703, a group self-insurer approved pursuant to Title 39-A, section 403, subsection 4, or the workers' compensation residual market mechanism. If a premium or assessment is subject to a good faith dispute at the time of termination of a policy or if such a dispute becomes known as a result of a post-termination audit review or other reason after replacement coverage has been issued and if the premium or assessment remains unpaid upon resolution of the dispute by the bureau, this replacement coverage must be cancelled.

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**CHAPTER 122****H.P. 261 - L.D. 365****An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Reporting Requirements for the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2069**, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §218, is further amended to read:**§2069. Annual reports**

Within 4 months after the close of each fiscal year of the authority, the executive director of the authority shall prepare and submit a complete financial report to the Governor and to the Legislature, duly audited and certified by the auditor of accounts of the operations and activities of the authority during the preceding fiscal year to be distributed in the same

way as state departmental reports. Within 5 months after the close of the authority's fiscal year, the executive director shall prepare and submit to the Legislature a detailed report on the activities of the authority during the preceding fiscal year. The report must contain information concerning the authority's financial and operational activities, including, but not limited to, resolutions, projects, grants, mortgages and loans. The report also must address continuing and potential problems with finances, operations and projects.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 123****H.P. 585 - L.D. 825****An Act to Increase the Frequency With Which Message Boards May Change Their Message****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1914, sub-§11, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 390, §3, is amended to read:

A. For the purpose of this subsection, changeable message board signs are those signs in which the message may be electronically, mechanically or manually changed by the complete substitution or replacement of one display by another. The message on changeable message board signs may not be changed more than once in any 4-hour period, except that a public institution of education may change the message on changeable message board signs located on the public institution's premises every 20 minutes.

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**CHAPTER 124****S.P. 163 - L.D. 483****An Act to Include a Denturist on the Board of Dental Examiners****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1071, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §56, is further amended to read:

~~The~~ Until January 1, 2001, the Board of Dental Examiners, established by Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection 10, and in this chapter called the "board,"