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**CHAPTER 15
H.P. 208 - L.D. 308**

**An Act to Update the Laws
Governing the Administration
of the Animal Welfare
Advisory Council**

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3906-C, sub-§6, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 399, §3, is amended to read:

6. Administration; meetings. The council shall elect one of its members as chair. The chair serves for a 2-year period and may not serve as chair for consecutive 2-year periods.

The council shall hold regular public meetings at least every other month but may waive by majority vote a succeeding meeting. The chair shall call special meetings of the council whenever requested in writing by 2 or more members. The council shall send notice and minutes of the meetings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over animal welfare matters.

The chair may delegate, as necessary, duties to members of the council, either individually or through the formation of subcommittees, to carry out the functions of the council.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 16
H.P. 413 - L.D. 645**

**An Act to Change the Size and
Composition of the Board of
Directors of the Maine Health
Data Organization**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8703, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 71, §6, is further amended to read:

2. Board of directors. The organization operates under the supervision of a board of directors, which consists of ~~20~~ 12 voting members and one nonvoting member.

A. The Governor shall appoint ~~18~~ 11 board members in accordance with the following requirements. Appointments by the Governor are not subject to review or confirmation.

(1) ~~Four~~ Two members must represent consumers chosen from a list provided by a

statewide organization representing consumers. For the purposes of this section, "consumer" means a person who is not affiliated with or employed by a 3rd-party payor, a provider or an association representing those providers or those 3rd-party payors.

(2) ~~Three~~ Two members must represent employers. One member must be chosen from a list provided by a ~~health management statewide purchasing coalition in this State.~~ One member must be chosen from a list provided by a statewide chamber of commerce.

(3) Two members must represent 3rd-party payors chosen from a list provided by a statewide organization representing 3rd-party payors.

(4) ~~Nine~~ Four members must represent health care providers. ~~Two~~ One health care provider ~~members~~ member must represent hospitals and health systems that include hospitals chosen from a list provided by the ~~Maine Hospital Association~~ a statewide association representing hospitals and health systems that include hospitals. Two health care provider members ~~must be physicians or representatives of physicians, one may not be affiliated with a hospital or a health system that includes a hospital and must be chosen from a list provided by the Maine Medical Association and one chosen from a list provided by the Maine Osteopathic Association~~ a statewide association that represents health care providers. One health care provider member must be a pharmacist chosen from a list provided by a statewide association of pharmacists. One provider member must be a doctor of chiropractic chosen from a list provided by a statewide chiropractic association. One provider member must be a representative, chosen from a list provided by the Maine Primary Care Association, of a federally qualified health center. One provider member must be a pharmacist chosen from a list provided by the Maine Pharmacy Association. One provider member must be a mental health provider chosen from a list provided by the Maine Association of Mental Health Services. One provider member must represent a home health care company.

(5) One member must represent the pharmaceutical industry, including pharmaceutical manufacturers, wholesale distributors and pharmacy benefits managers, chosen from a list provided by a statewide association representing life sciences companies.

B. ~~The commissioner shall appoint one member who is an employee of the department to represent the State's interest in maintaining health data and to~~