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Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3906-C, sub-§6, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 399, §3, is amended to read: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

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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~~

~~ensure that information collected is available for determining public health policy. Director of the Office of MaineCare Services or the director's designee shall serve as a member of the board.~~

~~D. The Executive Director of Dirigo Health, or a designee of the executive director who is an employee of Dirigo Health, shall serve as a voting member.~~

~~E. The Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation, or the commissioner's designee who is an employee of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, shall serve in a nonvoting, consultative capacity.~~

~~F. The executive director of the organization shall serve as a nonvoting member of the board.~~

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §8703, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2005, c. 253, §4, is further amended to read:

A. The terms of board members appointed by the Governor are determined as follows.

~~(1) Initial terms are staggered. One consumer, one employer, one 3rd party payor and 3 providers shall serve one year terms. Two consumers, one employer, one 3rd party payor and 3 providers shall serve 2-year terms.~~

(2) ~~After the initial terms, members~~ Members appointed by the Governor shall serve full 3-year terms and shall continue to serve until their successors have been appointed.

(3) Board members may serve 3 full terms consecutively.

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CHAPTER 17

H.P. 459 - L.D. 720

An Act to Protect Federal Home Loan Banks That Lend Money to Insurer Members That Become Delinquent

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4353, sub-§22 is enacted to read:

22. Federal home loan bank. "Federal home loan bank" means an institution established under the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, 12 United States Code, Sections 1421 to 1449.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4353, sub-§23 is enacted to read:

23. Insurer member. "Insurer member" means an insurer that is a member of a federal home loan bank.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §4362, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Notwithstanding subsections 1, 2 or 3 or any provision of this chapter to the contrary, a person may not for more than 10 days be restrained, enjoined or prohibited from exercising or enforcing any right or cause of action under any pledge, security, credit, collateral, loan, advance, reimbursement, guarantee agreement or arrangement or any similar agreement, arrangement or other credit enhancement to which a federal home loan bank is a party.

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §4362, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. A federal home loan bank exercising its rights regarding collateral pledged by an insurer member of the federal home loan bank shall, within 7 days of receiving a redemption request made by the insurer member, repurchase the insurer member's outstanding capital stock in excess of the amount the insurer member must hold as a minimum investment. The federal home loan bank shall repurchase the excess outstanding capital stock only to the extent that the federal home loan bank determines in good faith that the repurchase is:

A. Permissible under federal law, federal regulation and the federal home loan bank's capital plan; and

B. Consistent with the capital stock practices currently applicable to the federal home loan bank's entire membership.

Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §4362, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. No later than 10 days after the date of appointment of a receiver in a proceeding under this chapter involving an insurer member of a federal home loan bank, the federal home loan bank shall provide to the superintendent a process and a timeline for the following:

A. The release of any collateral held by the federal home loan bank that exceeds the amount that is required to support the secured obligations of the insurer member and is remaining after any repayment of loans as determined under any applicable agreement between the federal home loan bank and the insurer member;

B. The release of any collateral of the insurer member remaining in the federal home loan bank's possession following repayment in full of all outstanding secured obligations of the insurer member;

C. The payment of fees owed by the insurer member and the operation, maintenance, closure or dis-