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may establish or authorize rate-adjustment mechanisms or quantitative metrics pertaining to a public utility's operations and activities in a proceeding for a general increase in rates.

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CHAPTER 199 H.P. 212 - L.D. 312

An Act Regarding the Rates of Speed at Which School Buses Travel

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

- **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2074, sub-§1, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
 - C. Twenty-five miles per hour in a business or residential district or built-up portion unless otherwise posted; <u>and</u>
- **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2074, sub-§1, ¶D,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 577, §30, is further amended to read:
 - D. Forty-five miles per hour on all other public ways unless otherwise posted; and.
- **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2074, sub-§1,** ¶**E**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 9, §1, is repealed.

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CHAPTER 200 H.P. 262 - L.D. 408

An Act to Allow Unaccompanied and Emancipated Minors to Access Their Vital Records At No Cost

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

- Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2706, sub-§5-B is enacted to read:
- 5-B. Disclosure of records regarding certain minors. Certified or noncertified copies of vital records of an unaccompanied minor or emancipated minor must be made available to the minor and other individuals in accordance with the requirements of subsection 5 or, with the written permission of the minor, to the director of an emergency shelter program, runaway or homeless youth services organization or continuum of care agency at which the minor is a client, or the director's designee, or to a social worker, school administrator or

teacher providing services to the minor. The state registrar shall make available the vital records of an unaccompanied minor or emancipated minor to the minor at no cost. For the purposes of this subsection, "unaccompanied minor" means a person who has not attained 18 years of age who is not accompanied by a parent or guardian at the time that the minor makes the request to obtain the minor's vital records or gives written permission for a person authorized under this subsection to receive the records on the minor's behalf. For the purposes of this subsection, "emancipated minor" means an individual ordered emancipated in accordance with Title 15, section 3506-A.

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CHAPTER 201 S.P. 237 - L.D. 558

An Act to Strengthen Consumer Protections by Prohibiting the Report of Medical Debt on Consumer Reports

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

- Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1308, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:
- **3-A. Debt buyer.** "Debt buyer" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 11002, subsection 5-A.
- Sec. 2. 10 MRSA $\S1308$, sub- $\S3-B$ is enacted to read:
- **3-B. Debt collector.** "Debt collector" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 11002, subsection 6.
- Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1308, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:
- **4-A. Medical creditor.** "Medical creditor" means an entity that provides health care services and to whom a consumer incurs medical debt or an entity that provided health care services to a consumer and to whom the consumer previously owed medical debt if the medical debt has been purchased by one or more debt buyers.
- Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §1308, sub-§4-B is enacted to read:
- **4-B.** Medical debt. "Medical debt" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 11002, subsection 7-A.
- **Sec. 5. 10 MRSA §1310-H, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 77, §2, is amended to read:
- **4.** Reporting of medical expenses <u>debt</u> on a consumer report. Notwithstanding any provision of federal law, a consumer reporting agency shall comply