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tion's Code of Ethics or a finding by the National Athletic Trainers' Association's Board of Certification's Professional Practice and Discipline Committee of a violation of the Board of Certification's Standards of Professional Practice the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer of a violation of that board's practice standards and code of professional responsibility or findings by successor or other organizations with respect to codes of ethics approved by the department.

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### CHAPTER 212 S.P. 532 - L.D. 1302

An Act Regarding the Number of Voters of a Municipality Required to Petition for Consideration of Deorganization of That Municipality

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §7202, first ¶,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 297, §1, is further amended to read:

The voters of any municipality may petition for consideration of deorganization of the municipality by following the petition procedure of section 2528, subsection 5. On the written petition of a number of voters equal to at least 50% of the number of votes cast in the municipality at the last gubernatorial election, but in no case less than 10, requesting a municipal meeting for the purpose of discussing and determining whether the municipality should deorganize, the municipal officers shall call and hold a special meeting in the manner provided for the calling and holding of town meetings or city elections to discuss deorganization of the municipality and to decide whether to develop a deorganization procedure.

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### CHAPTER 213 S.P. 540 - L.D. 1310

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Insurance Coverage of Preventive and Primary Health Services

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4320-A, sub-§3-B,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 638, §3, is amended to read:

3-B. Parity in cost sharing for primary care and behavioral health office visits; group health plan. A group health plan, other than a small group health plan subject to subsection 3-A, with an effective date on or after January 1, 2023 must provide coverage without cost sharing for the first primary care office visit and first behavioral health office visit in each plan year. After the first behavioral health office visit, a health plan may not apply a copayment amount to a behavioral health office visit that is greater than the copayment for a primary care office visit. For the purposes of this subsection, "behavioral health office visit" means an office visit to address mental health and substance use conditions. This subsection does not apply to a plan offered for use with a health savings account unless the federal Internal Revenue Service determines that the benefits required by this section are permissible benefits in a high deductible health plan as defined in the federal Internal Revenue Code, Section 223(c)(2) or to a health plan that has no deductible, no coinsurance and out-ofpocket limits that meet the applicable federal requirements. The superintendent may adopt rules as necessary to address the coordination of the requirements of this subsection for coverage without cost sharing for the first primary care visit and the requirements of this section with respect to coverage of an annual well visit. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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## CHAPTER 214 H.P. 934 - L.D. 1412

An Act to Increase Contingency Reserves for Maine's Consumer-owned Electric Transmission and Distribution Utilities

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

- **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3503, sub-§5,** ¶C, as amended by PL 1999, c. 398, Pt. A, §87 and affected by §§104 and 105, is further amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:
  - (3) To provide for a contingency reserve fund, 1/2 of which may be used for capital purposes, to reflect up to a 25% 35% addition to yearly revenues over the amount required to operate the utility, not including purchased power supply costs, if any. The commission may authorize a utility to establish rates to provide for a contingency reserve fund to reflect an amount greater than a 35% addition to yearly revenues over the amount required to operate the utility. Any surplus in excess of this 25% 35% or the