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attributable to rehabilitation, attorney's, physicians', nurses', hospital, medical, surgical or related fees or charges or any amount paid or payable under former Title 39, section 56-B or Title 39-A, section 212, subsection 3.

(2) The prorated lump-sum settlement must reduce the disability retirement benefit in the same manner and amount as monthly benefits under this subsection.

E. Any dispute about amounts paid or payable under the workers' compensation laws or the amount of the lump-sum settlement and its attributions must be determined on petition by a single member of the Workers' Compensation Board in accordance with Title 39-A. The determination may be appealed under Title 39-A, section 322.

Sec. 27. 5 MRSA §18532, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 409, §§11 and 12 and amended by PL 2021, c. 548, §45, is further amended to read:

3. Termination or reduction in benefits. At any time before the elimination of disability retirement benefit payments under section ~~18530~~ 18530-A, subsection ~~3~~ 1, the person may request that benefit payments be terminated, and the chief executive officer shall terminate benefit payments at the end of the month in which the request is received.

Sec. 28. Existing debt due to excess compensation before effective date of this Act. An individual who is required to reimburse the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for any excess payments due to the receipt of excess compensation from employment under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17906, subsection 1; section 17930; section 18506, subsection 1; and section 18530 as of the effective date of this Act is no longer obligated to reimburse the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for that debt beginning on the effective date of this Act.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 599

H.P. 1261 - L.D. 1890

An Act to Facilitate the Development of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities by Increasing the Monetary Threshold for Certain Facilities Under the Requirement to Obtain a Certificate of Need and to Index the Threshold Annually Thereafter

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §329, sub-§4-A, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 424, Pt. A, §5 and affected by Pt. E, §1, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) If it requires a capital expenditure of more than ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$7,500,000. Beginning January 1, 2027 and annually thereafter, the threshold amount for review must be updated by the commissioner to reflect the change in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index medical care services index, with an effective date of January 1st each year; or

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 600

S.P. 814 - L.D. 2000

An Act to Update the Campaign Finance Laws

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the changes in this legislation may directly impact statewide campaigns during the 2026 election; and

Whereas, it is necessary to amend the requirements of certain campaign finance laws as soon as possible to avoid undue burdens and confusion; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1017, sub-§2, ¶D, as amended by PL 2019, c. 323, §7, is further amended to read:

D. If the candidate has an opponent who is on the ballot or who is a declared write-in candidate, any single contribution of ~~\$1,000~~ \$10,000 or more received or any single expenditure of ~~\$1,000~~ \$10,000 or more made after the 14th day before the election and more than ~~24~~ 48 hours before 11:59 p.m. on the day of the election must be reported within ~~24~~ 48 hours of that contribution or expenditure. The candidate or treasurer is not required to include in this report expenditures for overhead expenses or compensation paid to an employee or other member of the campaign staff who has received payments at