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Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §6401-B, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. DD, §3, is amended to read:

3. Staff development. Foster and promote staff development for school nurses by planning and providing orientation, educational offerings and networking with universities and other providers of continuing education to meet identified needs; ~~and~~

Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §6401-B, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. DD, §3, is amended to read:

4. Standards. Gather and analyze data relevant to the school health care program and monitor standards to promote school nursing excellence and optimal health of school children~~.~~; and

Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §6401-B, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Guidance. Manage the development and dissemination of school health guidelines as they relate to the health and well-being of students and staff in schools.

Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA §6403-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 258, §4, is amended to read:

1. Duties. The school nurse shall supervise and coordinate the health services and health-related activities required by this Title in accordance with the most recent scope and standards of school nursing practices and follow all applicable rules adopted by the State Board of Nursing and laws under Title 32, chapter 31.

Sec. 7. 20-A MRSA §6403-A, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 258, §4, is amended to read:

5. Guidelines. The commissioner shall issue guidelines on the provision of school health services and health-related activities. Guidelines must be based on state and national standards and updated at least every 3 years.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 628

H.P. 1395 - L.D. 2080

An Act to Protect Consumers by Prohibiting the Use of Credit Cards in Sports Wagering and Internet Gaming

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §1203, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

C. The methods of operation of sports wagering, including but not limited to the permitted systems and methods of wagers; the use of credit and checks by persons making wagers, which must prohibit a person from making a wager using a credit card; the types of wagering receipts that may be used; the method of issuing receipts; the prevention of sports wagering on prohibited sports events; the protection of patrons placing wagers; and the promotion of social responsibility and responsible gaming and display of information on resources for problem gambling at a facility operator's premises or on any mobile application or digital platform used to place wagers;

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1203, sub-§2, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

F. Minimum design and security requirements for the physical premises of facility operators in which sports wagering is conducted, including but not limited to minimum requirements for the acceptance of wagers at a self-serve kiosk located on the premises and minimum required methods for verifying the identity and age of a person who places a wager with a facility operator, for verifying that the person making a wager is not prohibited from making a wager under section 1213, for ensuring that a person does not use a credit card to make a wager and for requiring the refund of any wager determined to have been placed by a person prohibited from making a wager under section 1213;

Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §1203, sub-§2, ¶G, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

G. Minimum design and security requirements for mobile applications and digital platforms for the acceptance of wagers by mobile operators, including required methods for verifying the age and identity of a person who places a wager with a mobile operator, for verifying that the person making the wager is physically located in the State and is not prohibited from making a wager under section 1213, for ensuring that a person does not use a credit card to make a wager and for requiring the refund of any wager determined to have been placed by a person prohibited from making a wager under section 1213;

Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §1214-A is enacted to read:

§1214-A. Credit cards prohibited

An operator and a management services licensee under section 1209 conducting sports wagering on behalf of an operator may not accept a wager on a sports event from a person using a credit card.

Sec. 5. 8 MRSA §1403, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 538, §4, is amended to read:

A. The methods of operation of Internet gaming, including but not limited to the permitted systems and methods of wagers; the use of credit and checks by persons making wagers, which must prohibit a person from making a wager using a credit card; the types of wagering receipts that may be used; the method of issuing receipts; the protection of patrons placing wagers; and the promotion of social responsibility and responsible gaming and display of information on resources for problem gambling;

Sec. 6. 8 MRSA §1403, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 538, §4, is amended to read:

C. Minimum design and security requirements for applications and digital platforms for the acceptance of wagers by operators, including required methods for verifying the age and identity of a person who places a wager with an operator, for verifying that the person making the wager is physically located in the State and is not prohibited from making a wager under section 1412, for ensuring that a person does not use a credit card to make a wager and for requiring the refund of any wager determined to have been placed by a person prohibited from making a wager under section 1412;

Sec. 7. 8 MRSA §1412-A is enacted to read:

§1412-A. Credit cards prohibited

An operator and a management services licensee under section 1408 conducting Internet gaming on behalf of an operator may not accept a wager from a person using a credit card.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 629

H.P. 1408 - L.D. 2093

An Act to Codify and Update a Provision of Private and Special Law Governing Temporary Disability for State Employees

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7073 is enacted to read:

§7073. Provision for temporary disability

When a confidential employee has a temporary total disability, the appointing authority shall provide temporary disability benefits to the confidential employee in accordance with this section and continue to pay the confidential employee's regular employment benefits in accordance with subsection 7.

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Confidential employee" means an employee within the executive branch, including a probationary employee, who is employed in a position excluded from the definition of "state employee" pursuant to Title 26, section 979-A, subsection 6, paragraphs B, C, D, I and J.

B. "Continuous leave" means leave that is not intermittent and not a reduced schedule.

C. "Temporary disability benefit" means a benefit for temporary total disability paid to an eligible confidential employee pursuant to this section.

D. "Total disability" means the inability to engage in any gainful occupation for which a confidential employee is reasonably suited by training, education and experience.

2. Eligibility. A confidential employee employed by the State in that position for more than 6 months who becomes totally disabled may receive a temporary disability benefit while the confidential employee remains totally disabled and under the care of a licensed physician if:

A. The confidential employee incurs a loss of time from work as a result of the disability, including a disability resulting from sickness or accidental bodily injury; and

B. The disability prevents the confidential employee from performing the duties of that confidential employee's occupation.

3. Start of benefit. The temporary disability benefit must commence on the day immediately following the later of:

A. The exhaustion of the confidential employee's accumulated sick leave; or

B. The 30th day of continuous total disability.

4. End of benefit. The temporary disability benefit must continue until whichever of the following occurs first:

A. The day before the day the confidential employee returns to any gainful occupation;

B. The day after the confidential employee exhausts the remaining balance of the 365 days of temporary disability benefits allowed per confidential employee pursuant to subsection 6; or

C. The first day the confidential employee is eligible for a disability retirement allowance under Title 5, chapter 423, subchapter 5, article 3.

5. Benefit amount; exception for disabilities compensable under workers' compensation. The temporary disability benefit equals 2/3 of the confidential employee's weekly salary at the date of the commencement of the total disability. Any state retirement