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to equip vehicles sold in this State with an interoperable, ~~and~~ standardized and owner-authorized ~~owner-authorization~~ access platform across all of the motor vehicle manufacturer's makes and models. The platform must be capable of securely communicating all mechanical data emanating directly from the motor vehicle via direct data connection to the platform. The platform must be directly accessible by the motor vehicle owner through a mobile-based application and, upon the authorization of the owner, all mechanical data must be directly accessible by an independent repair facility or a licensed dealer as described in section 851, subsections 2 and 9, limited to the time to complete the repair or for a period of time agreed to by the motor vehicle owner for the purposes of maintaining, diagnosing and repairing the motor vehicle. Access must include the ability to receive data and send commands to in-vehicle components if needed for purposes of maintenance, diagnostics and repair. The platform must provide a motor vehicle owner or owner-authorized independent repair facility access to the same data the motor vehicle manufacturer makes available to its authorized repair shops. All parts, tools, software and other components necessary to complete a full repair of the vehicle, as referenced in this subsection, must be ~~included and~~ provided to ~~a motor vehicle owners owner and authorized independent repair shops~~ facility authorized by a motor vehicle owner.

Sec. 10. 29-A MRSA §1810, sub-§8, as enacted by IB 2023, c. 3, §3, is amended to read:

8. Enforcement. If the ~~independent entity described by subsection 2~~ commission has reason to believe that a motor vehicle manufacturer has violated any provision of this section, the ~~independent entity commission~~ shall notify the Attorney General. ~~The~~ In response to a referral from the commission pursuant to subsection 2-A, paragraph C, subparagraph (2), or in any other instance for which the Attorney General believes this section may have been violated, the Attorney General ~~shall promptly may~~ may institute any actions or proceedings the Attorney General considers appropriate. ~~The independent entity, through the Attorney General, may apply to an action in the Superior Court of any county of the State to enforce any lawful order made or action taken by the independent entity pursuant to this section. The Attorney General may seek injunctive relief and a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 for each violation of this section.~~

A motor vehicle owner or owner-authorized independent repair facility ~~authorized by an owner~~ who has been denied access to mechanical data in violation of this section may initiate a civil action seeking any remedies under law. Each denial of access is compensable by an award of treble damages or \$10,000, whichever amount is greater.

Sec. 11. Staggered terms. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1810, subsection 2-A, paragraph B, of the members initially appointed to the Motor Vehicle Right to Repair Commission, 4 members must be appointed to an initial term of one year, 4 members must be appointed to an initial term of 2 years and 4 members must be appointed to an initial term of 3 years.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 661

H.P. 1481 - L.D. 2202

An Act to Require Notice to the Attorney General Prior to the Merger of Certain Health Care Entities as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1102-B is enacted to read:

§1102-B. Premiermer notification by health care entities

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

A. "Additional documentary material" means the additional documentary material filed with a Hart-Scott-Rodino form.

B. "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic or similar capabilities.

C. "Filing threshold" means the minimum size of a transaction that requires the transaction to be reported under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act in effect when a person files a premerger notification.

D. "Hart-Scott-Rodino Act" means 15 United States Code, Section 18a, as amended.

E. "Hart-Scott-Rodino form" means the form filed with a premerger notification, excluding additional documentary material.

F. "Health care entity" means a health care provider, a health care facility or a provider organization. "Health care entity" does not include a nursing facility as defined by Title 22, section 328, subsection 18.

G. "Health care facility" means a licensed institution providing health care services or a health care setting, including, but not limited to, hospitals and other licensed inpatient facilities; health systems consisting of one or more health care entities that are jointly owned or managed; ambulatory surgical or treatment centers; residential treatment centers; diagnostic, laboratory and imaging centers; free-standing emergency facilities; outpatient clinics; and rehabilitation and other therapeutic health settings.

H. "Health care provider" means a person, corporation, partnership, governmental unit, state institution, medical practice or other entity qualified or licensed under state law to perform or provide health care services to persons in the State.

I. "Premerger notification" means a notification filed under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act with the Federal Trade Commission or the United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division or a successor agency.

J. "Provider organization" means any corporation, partnership, business trust, association or organized group of persons that is in the business of health care delivery or management, whether incorporated or not, that represents one or more health care providers in contracting with carriers for the payment of health care services. "Provider organization" includes, but is not limited to, physician organizations, physician-hospital organizations, independent practice associations, health care provider networks, accountable care organizations and management services organizations and any other organization that contracts with carriers for payment for health care services.

2. Notice requirement. A health care entity filing a premerger notification shall concurrently file a complete electronic copy of the Hart-Scott-Rodino form with the Attorney General if:

A. The health care entity has its principal place of business in this State; or

B. The health care entity or a person the health care entity controls directly or indirectly had annual revenue in this State in the most recent calendar year preceding the filing of at least 20% of the filing threshold of the goods or services involved in the transaction.

A health care entity that files a Hart-Scott-Rodino form under this subsection shall include with the filing a complete electronic copy of the additional documentary material. The Attorney General may not charge a fee connected with filing or providing the Hart-Scott-Rodino form or additional documentary material under this subsection.

3. Confidentiality. Any information provided to the Attorney General under this section is confidential, except that the Attorney General may:

A. Subject to a protective order entered by an agency, court or judicial officer, disclose a Hart-Scott-Rodino form, additional documentary material or other information listed in subsection 2 in an administrative proceeding or judicial action if the proposed merger is relevant to the proceeding or action;

B. Share information with the Federal Trade Commission or the United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division or a successor agency; or

C. Share information with the attorney general of another state that has enacted a substantively equivalent statute that includes confidentiality provisions at least as protective as the confidentiality provisions of this subsection. At least 2 business days before making a disclosure under this paragraph, the Attorney General shall give notice of the disclosure to the health care entity that filed or provided the Hart-Scott-Rodino form or additional documentary material under subsection 2.

4. Civil penalty. The failure to provide notice under subsection 2 constitutes a civil violation for which a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 per day of non-compliance of a health care entity may be adjudged.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 662

H.P. 1469 - L.D. 2188

An Act to Amend Certain State Tax Laws

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. 36 MRSA §111, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. J, §1, is amended to read:

2. Notice. "Notice" means written notification served personally, sent by certified mail or sent by first-class mail to the last known address of the person for whom the notification is intended. A person's last known address is the person's address as reported on the person's most recently filed Maine tax return or as otherwise specified by the person in written correspondence on file with the bureau, unless the bureau determines that a different address is the most current address for the person, in which case the bureau must use that address. Notice by first-class mail is deemed to be received 3 7 days after the mailing, excluding Sundays and legal holidays. If the State Tax Assessor is required