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**SYLLABUS:**

On and after July 1, 1972, the Director of Labor and Industry is the official authorized by 39 M.R.S.A. § 101 to approve industrial accident agreements.

**FACTS:**

Stated in the question.

**QUESTION:**

Since all industrial accident agreements are presently required by 39 M.R.S.A. § 101 to be approved by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, which office expires June 30, 1972, by whom must such agreements be approved on and after July 1, 1972?

**ANSWER:**

Director of the Bureau of Labor and Industry.

**REASONS:**

The second sentence of Section 13, Chapter 620, P.L. 1971, reads:

"Wherever the word 'commissioner,' meaning the 'Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry' appears, it shall mean the 'Director of the Bureau of Labor and Industry,' except in the Revised Statutes, Title 26, chapter 13."

Accordingly, on July 1, 1972, the present reference to the "Commissioner of Labor and Industry" in 39 M.R.S.A. § 101, by operation of the above-quoted section, will mean the "Director of the Bureau of Labor and Industry." 39 M.R.S.A. § 101 is patently not within the only exception, i.e. Chapter 13 of Title 26, specified by the above-quoted amendatory provision.

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