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Chapter 547

AN ACT to Clarify the Interest Cost for Local Industrial Recreational Bonds.

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

Whereas, the Maine Municipal Securities Approval Board has authority to determine interest rates on revenue obligation securities to be sold by municipalities; and

Whereas, the municipalities are required to sell the securities at a price so that the interest cost shall not exceed 6%; and

Whereas, the securities market is such that the municipalities may be unable to market these securities with this restriction; and

Whereas, delay in the sale of these securities will impede industrial development in the State; 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:

R. S., T. 30, § 5331, sub-§ 2, amended. The 8th sentence of subsection 2 of section 5331 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 423 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

The municipal officers may sell such securities in such manner, either at public or private sale, and for such price, as they may determine to be for the best interests of the municipality, but no such sale shall be made at a price so low as to require the payment of interest on the money received therefor at more than 6% per year, computed with relation to the absolute maturity or maturities of the bonds in accordance with standard tables of bond values, excluding from such computation the amount of any premium to be paid on redemption of any securities prior to maturity the interest approved by the board.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective January 28, 1970

Chapter 548

AN ACT Relating to Direct Billing of Property and Casualty Insurance.

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

R. S., T. 24-A, § 2164-A, additional. Title 24-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 132 of the public laws of 1969, is amended by adding a new section 2164-A, to read as follows:

§ 2164-A. Direct billing, notice

No insurer, domestic or foreign, shall, except upon the written request of the insured, convert or convert upon renewal any contract of property or casualty insurance, excluding accident and health insurance and life insurance, to a direct billing basis until it has given 90 days advance written notice thereof to its resident agents.

Effective May 9, 1970

Chapter 549

AN ACT Exempting Doctors, Psychologists and Certain Classes of Social Workers from the State Personnel System.

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

R. S., T. 5, § 634, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 634 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 382 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended by inserting after the 2nd sentence the following new sentences:

The salary of a physician, psychologist or psychiatric social worker, employed by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, shall be determined by the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections with approval of the Governor and Executive Council. The salaries paid under this provision shall not be in excess of 25% above step E of the State of Maine compensation plan for each of the designated position classes under the classifications of physician, psychologist or psychiatric social worker. In determining the salary for such positions, the commissioner and the Governor and Executive Council shall take into account prevailing salaries and fees for similar positions in other public jurisdictions and in private agencies. All other provisions of the State Personnel Law and the rules and regulations shall apply to said employees.

Effective May 9, 1970

Chapter 550

AN ACT Relating to Subpoena Power for State Employees Appeals Board.

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

Whereas, the Legislature enacted into law a procedure for appeal and arbitration of state employees' grievances; and

Whereas, the State Employees Appeals Board as constituted in accordance with Title 5, sections 751 to 753 of the Revised Statutes has and will in the future hold hearings to determine the appropriate disposition of each case