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vice and consent of the Council to serve a term coterminous with that of the Governor, subject to removal for cause by the Governor and Council and said department shall be composed of the following bureaus, commissions and board, as heretofore created and established: The Bureau of Banks and Banking, formerly the Department of Banks and Banking; **the Bureau of Consumer Protection**; the Bureau of Insurance, formerly the Department of Insurance, except the Fire Prevention Division thereof; the Real Estate Commission; the Boxing Commission; the Running Horse Racing Commission and the Land Damage Board.

Sec. 5. 10 MRSA § 8002, last ¶, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 585, § 4, is amended to read:

The commissioner shall not have authority to exercise or interfere with the exercise of any discretionary statutory authority granted to the following, which authority shall be exclusively within the specific bureau, commission or board: The Bureau of Banks and Banking, formerly the Department of Banks and Banking; **the Bureau of Consumer Protection**; the Bureau of Insurance, formerly the Department of Insurance; the Real Estate Commission; the Boxing Commission; the Running Horse Racing Commission and the Land Damage Board.

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

Effective April 8, 1975

CHAPTER 135

AN ACT to Repeal a Certain Provision in the Consumer Credit Code Concerning Relinquishment of the License of a Supervised Lender.

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

Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA § 2-303, sub-§ 5, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 762, § 1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 9-A MRSA § 2-303, sub-§ 6, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 762, § 1, is amended to read:

6. No revocation or suspension ~~or relinquishment~~ of a license shall impair or affect the obligation of any preexisting lawful contract between the licensee and any debtor.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 136

AN ACT to Clarify the Personnel Law as to Staff Attorneys in the Office of Attorney General.

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

5 MRSA § 711, sub-§ 10, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 625, § 21, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

10. Deputies, assistants and staff attorneys of the Department of the Attorney General. Deputies, assistants and staff attorneys of the Attorney General's Department.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 137

AN ACT to Place Certain Safeguards on the Proceedings of Medical Review Committees.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 2599 is enacted to read:

§ 2599. Records of proceedings of hospital medical staff review committees confidential

All proceedings and records of proceedings concerning medical staff reviews and hospital reviews conducted by committees of physicians and other health care personnel on behalf of hospitals located within the State, when such reviews are required by state or federal law or regulations or as a condition of accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals or the American Osteopathic Association Committee on Hospital Accreditation are confidential and shall be exempt from discovery without a showing of good cause.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 3296 is enacted to read:

§ 3296. Records of proceedings of hospital medical staff review committees confidential

All proceedings and records of proceedings concerning medical staff reviews and hospital reviews conducted by committees of physicians and other health care personnel on behalf of hospitals located within the State, when such reviews are required by state or federal law or regulations or as a condition of accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals or the American Osteopathic Association Committee on Hospital Accreditation are confidential and shall be exempt from discovery without a showing of good cause.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 138

AN ACT Relating to Interest on Awards in Workmen's Compensation Cases.

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

39 MRSA § 72 is enacted to read:

§ 72. Interest on awards

Upon each award of the Industrial Accident Commission interest shall be assessed from the date on which the last filed petition for award is filed at a