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PUBLIC LAWS
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CHAPTER 275

AN ACT to Correct Technical Errors in Laws Relating to Marine Resources.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 3403, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 508, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 3403. The applicability of the marine resources law generally

All general laws of Maine fixing or regulating the minimum or maximum sizes of fish, shellfish or lobsters, regulating fishing methods, quantity and types of gear, regulating or prohibiting the sale, transportation or possession of fish, shellfish or lobsters, shall apply to all persons conducting the activities so regulated or prohibited where such activities or any portion thereof are conducted within the State of Maine, within the territorial waters of the State of Maine, or the product of such activities are brought into the State or into the territorial waters of the State, and shall apply to all residents of the State of Maine where such activities are conducted within waters adjacent to the territorial waters of Maine and under the jurisdiction of the United States but not another state.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1959, c. 155, § 132 is repealed.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 276

AN ACT Relating to Maternity Benefits for Unmarried Women Health Insurance Policyholders and Minor Dependents of Health Insurance Policyholders.

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

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA § 2318 is enacted to read:

§ 2318. Contracts issued to unmarried subscriber members and their minor dependents

All individual or group contracts issued by any nonprofit hospital or medical service organization operating pursuant to this chapter shall provide to unmarried subscribers or members and minor dependents of such subscribers or members the same minimum maternity benefits and the same option for additional maternity benefits, at appropriate rates and under the same terms and conditions as such benefits or options for benefits are provided to married subscribers or members. This requirement shall apply to all individual or group contracts issued or renewed after the effective date of this Act.

All individual or group contracts issued in accordance with the requirements of this section shall provide unmarried subscribers with the same benefits or option of benefits for dependent children as is extended to de-

pendent children of married subscribers, at appropriate rates and under the same terms and conditions.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §§ 2741 and 2742, are enacted to read:

§ 2741. Maternity benefits for unmarried women policyholders and the minor dependents of policyholders with dependent or family coverage required

All health insurance policies and plans shall provide, at appropriate rates, the same maternity benefits for unmarried women policyholders and the minor dependents of policyholders with dependent or family coverage under the same terms and conditions as such maternity coverage is provided to married policyholders or the wives of policyholders with maternity coverage. This requirement shall apply to all insurance policies and plans issued or renewed after the effective date of this Act.

§ 2742. Optional coverage of children required

All insurance policies or plans issued in accordance with the requirements of section 2741 shall provide unmarried women policyholders with the coverage or option of coverage for dependent children, under the same terms and conditions and at appropriate rates, as is extended to married policyholders with dependents.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §§ 2832 and 2833, are enacted to read:

§ 2832. Maternity benefits for unmarried women policyholders and the minor dependents of policyholders with dependent or family coverage required

All group or blanket health insurance policies and plans shall provide the same maternity benefits for unmarried women policyholders, and the minor dependents of policyholders with dependent or family coverage, as is provided married policyholders with maternity coverage and the wives of policyholders with maternity coverage. This requirement shall apply to all group or blanket insurance written or renewed after the effective date of this Act, and shall include, but not be limited to, all types and forms of group insurance issued by individual companies or corporations.

§ 2833. Optional coverage of children required

All group or blanket health insurance plans issued in accordance with the requirements of section 2832 shall provide unmarried women policyholders with the option of coverage, from the date of birth, of their children. This optional coverage shall be the same as provided the children of a married policyholder with family or dependent.

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1976.