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tions as defined in section 1081, or permits such persons to practice dentistry under a false name, or assumes a title or appends or prefixes to his name the letters which falsely represent him as having a degree from a dental college, or who impersonates another at an examination held by the board, or who knowingly makes a false application or false representation in connection with such examination, or whoever practices as a dental hygienist without having a certificate as such, or whoever employs a person as a dental hygienist who is not licensed to practice as such shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both.

Sec. 11. 32 MRSA § 1094-A, is enacted to read:

§ 1094-A. Peer review committee member's liability

No member of a peer review committee of a state or local association or society composed of doctors of dentistry shall be liable in damages to any person for any action taken or recommendation made within the scope of the functions of such committee, if such committee member acts without malice and in the reasonable belief that such action or recommendation is warranted by the facts known to him after reasonable effort to obtain the facts of the matter as to which such action is taken or recommendation is made.

Sec. 12. 32 MRSA § 1096, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1969, c. 197, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1096. Qualifications

A person of good moral character, 18 years old or over, who has successfully completed 2 years' training in a school of dental hygiene approved by the board, or who is a full-time dental student who has satisfactorily completed at least half of the prescribed course of study in an accredited dental college, but who has not graduated from any dental college, shall be eligible to apply for examination.

Sec. 13. 32 MRSA § 1098, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 544, § 80, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Reinstatement may be made, if approved by the board, by payment of \$10 to the secretary of the board.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 485

AN ACT to Establish the Maine-Canadian Exchange Advisory Commission and Office.

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

5 MRSA Pt. 15, c. 351, is enacted to read:

PART 15

MAINE-CANADIAN AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 351

MAINE-CANADIAN EXCHANGE ADVISORY COMMISSION

AND OFFICE

§ 6001. Title

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Maine-Canadian Exchange Advisory Commission Act."

§ 6002. Policy and purpose

The Legislature finds that there exists between Maine and its neighboring Canadian Provinces of New Brunswick, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, a broad range of shared experience, cultural traditions, social and economic conditions and common goals, including shared recognition of the urgent need to strengthen human services, to effectively use and conserve our natural resources and to pursue economic development within a framework of responsible environmental regulation.

The Legislature further finds that Maine enjoys with these provinces an increasing level of cooperation, commerce and other interaction as the opportunity and need for such interaction are increasingly recognized by both public and private officials.

The Legislature declares that it attaches the highest importance to the pursuit of common goals and to the further strengthening of relations in all areas between Maine and the Canadian Provinces.

The Legislature further declares that the multiplicity and complexity of such relations calls for direction and coordination by the Executive Department.

§ 6003. Maine-Canadian Exchange Office

There is established a Maine-Canadian Exchange Office which shall be concerned with strengthening all areas of regional cooperation between Maine and its neighboring Canadian Provinces, and which shall particularly encourage economic, cultural and educational exchange between Maine and these provinces.

§ 6004. Director

The executive head of the Maine-Canadian Exchange Office shall be the director, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Maine-Canadian Exchange Advisory Commission. The director shall be paid a salary fixed by the Governor from sums available under section 6006.

§ 6005. Director ; powers and duties

The Director of the Maine-Canadian Exchange Office shall:

1. Study and evaluate existing activities. Study and evaluate existing activities in the State on both the governmental and private levels involving cooperation with Canada, and particularly with the Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island;

2. Strengthen regional cooperation. Strengthen all areas of regional cooperation with Canada and give coordination and direction to related activities of state departments and agencies;

3. Determine new areas for cooperation. Determine new areas for fruitful regional cooperation, with particular attention to the potential for social betterment, economic growth, improved natural resource utilization and management and the enhancement of the environment;

4. Encourage exchanges. Encourage and assist economic, governmental, cultural and educational exchanges and other modes of improved contact with Canada;

5. Disseminate information. Disseminate information on Canadian relations to the public;

6. Administer certain funds. Administer such funds as may be available to it for the purposes of assisting in the development of improved relations and cooperation between Maine and Canada.

§ 6006. Funds

Funds from the Federal Government or from any individual, group, foundation, corporation or other private source may be accepted by the Maine-Canadian Exchange Office and expended for purposes consistent with this chapter.

§ 6007. Maine-Canadian Exchange Advisory Commission

There is established the Maine-Canadian Exchange Advisory Commission. The commission shall consist of 9 members, all of whom shall be citizens of this State. The Governor shall appoint 5 members, 3 for a term of one year and 2 for a term of 2 years, at least 2 of whom shall be fluent in the French language. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each appoint 2 members, one for a term of one year and one for a term of 2 years. At least one member appointed by the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the Speaker of the House shall be fluent in the French language. In the event of the death or resignation of any member, the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term in the same manner as the original appointment.

Members shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at the rate then current for state employees from any funds available under section 6006. Six members shall constitute a quorum. The commission shall designate one of its members as chairman.

§ 6008. Duties; meetings

The commission shall advise the director in the carrying out of his powers and duties and in addition shall assist the director in encouraging the strengthening of all areas of cooperation with the Canadian Provinces, and particularly in encouraging economic, cultural and educational exchange between Maine and the Canadian Provinces. The commission shall meet at least 4 times in each year with the director and at such other times on the call of the chairman, at the request of the director or at the request of any member, as shall be necessary to carry out the duties outlined in this section.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 486

AN ACT Concerning the Collection Agency Act.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 573, sub-§ 3, 3rd sentence, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 430, § 1, is amended to read:

The fee for each license shall be ~~\$100~~ \$200.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 578, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 585, § 11, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 578. Investigation, suspension and revocation of licenses

The Bureau of Consumer Protection may investigate the records and practices of a licensee in accordance with Title 9-A, section 6-106. If a licensee violates any provisions of this chapter, or any administrative rules issued pursuant to this chapter, or fails to maintain its financial condition sufficient to qualify for a license on an original application, the Superintendent of the Bureau of Consumer Protection may, after notice and hearing in accordance with Title 9-A, sections 2-303, and 6-410 through 6-415, revoke a license or suspend such license for such period as he may deem proper.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA § 579, as last amended by PL 1967, c. 544, § 77, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 579. Appeals

Any appeal from the decision of the bureau may be taken in accordance with Title 9-A, sections 6-410 through 6-415.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA § 584 is enacted to read:

§ 584. Fees

The aggregate of license fees provided for by this chapter is appropriated for the use of the Bureau of Consumer Protection. Any balance of said funds shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to be expended for the same purposes in the following fiscal year.

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