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Sec. 6. 24 MRSA § 2405, sub-§ 1, 1st sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 442, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The association shall not issue any policies that provide coverage beyond the term of the enabling legislation.

Sec. 7. 24 MRSA § 2407, sub-§ 1, 1st sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 442, is amended to read:

Any licensed physician, hospital or other licensed health care provider or facility shall, on or after the effective date of the plan of operations, be entitled to apply to the association for such coverage.

Sec. 8. 24 MRSA § 2409, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 442, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

The directors of the association shall have no liability to the association or to any other persons with respect to their performance or failure to perform their duties concerning any matters within the scope of this chapter so long as they act in good faith.

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

Effective February 25, 1977

CHAPTER 8

AN ACT Relating to Transfer of Unexpended Appropriations of State Funds.

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

5 MRSA § 1585, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 72, is further amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read:

All transfers of unexpended appropriations shall be supported by a statement of fact setting forth the necessity for the transfer. A copy of each order for an allocation or transfer, together with the statement of fact, shall be provided to the Legislative Finance Officer, to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives when the allocation or transfer is made.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 9

AN ACT Concerning Proofs Required for the Issue of a Marriage Intention Form.

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

22 MRSA § 2801, 2nd ¶ is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Persons filing notice of intention to marry, either of whom has been previously married, shall submit therewith a certificate or certified copy of the divorce decree or annulment of the last marriage or the death record of the last spouse. If both have been previously married, both shall file such certificate or record. The clerk shall make a notation on the reverse side of the marriage intention form showing the title and location of the courts, the names of the parties to the proceeding for the divorces or annulments and the date when the decrees became absolute. In the case of a death, the clerk shall show the name of the deceased, along with the date and place of death.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 10

AN ACT to Extend the Time During which School Budgets may be Adopted.

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

Whereas, the Legislature will consider amendments to the school funding laws that may substantially affect the portion of educational costs borne by property taxes during the current or ensuing fiscal year; and

Whereas, municipalities and school districts are required by law to adopt their annual budgets prior to specified times that may occur before the Legislature has acted upon such amendments; and

Whereas, it is vital that assessments committed for collection during the current or ensuing fiscal year accurately reflect the requirements of the most recent actions of the Legislature in order to avoid hardship or inconvenience to the taxpayers of 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:

20 MRSA § 3754 is enacted to read:

§ 3754. School budget adoption period extended

Notwithstanding any provisions of statute or charter to the contrary, municipalities, School Administrative Districts and community school districts may adopt their respective annual budgets at any time prior to May 1, 1977.