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CHAPTER 367

AN ACT Relating to the State's Bonded Debt.

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

3 MRSA c. 23 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 23

STATE DEBT

§ 551. Analysis of proposed bond issues

The Commissioner of Finance and Administration, together with the Treasurer of State, shall advise the Legislature and the Governor in a timely manner and in written form as to the effect on the state's bonded debt of any bond issue or issues proposed which would not be self-liquidating. Specifically, the analysis provided shall indicate the relationship of the issue or issues proposed to the limit on the aggregate level of outstanding state debt established by this chapter and to the future debt service requirements on the State. The analysis shall be comprehensive in nature and shall include consideration of the outstanding debt, bonds authorized but unissued, and proposed issues enacted by the Legislature and awaiting ratification or rejection by the electors.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 368

AN ACT to Avoid Delays in Payment of Workmen's Compensation Claims because of the Involvement of Two or More Insurance Carriers.

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

39 MRSA § 104-B is enacted to read:

§ 104-B. Liability when 2 carriers dispute over financial responsibility

If an employee has sustained more than one injury while employed by the same employer and if the employer was insured under this Act by one carrier when the first injury took place and insured under this Act by a 2nd carrier when the last injury took place and if there is a dispute between the 2 carriers as to their financial responsibility concerning each injury, the carrier providing coverage at the time of the last injury shall be responsible to the employee for payment of weekly compensation benefits for the last injury

and shall have the right of subrogation against the first insurance carrier for the amount of the first carrier's financial responsibility for the employee's first injury.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 369

AN ACT Relating to Tuna Fishing.

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

Whereas, the tuna fishing season will begin before this Act becomes effective, unless it is enacted as an emergency; and

Whereas, a licensing structure for tuna fishing is necessary to permit adequate regulation of one of Maine's marine resources; 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:

12 MRSA § 3802, sub-§ 7 is enacted to read:

7. Tuna exception. A nonresident may engage in commercial fishing for tuna as authorized under subsection 2, without a nonresident commercial fishing license if he has a current special tuna permit.

A. A special tuna permit may be issued to a nonresident who is a registered participant in a tuna tournament which is sponsored and operated by a nonprofit association or corporation that has existed for at least one year prior to the tournament. No person may be issued more than one permit in any one calendar year.

B. The special tuna permit shall entitle the permittee to fish for or take for sale and to sell only one tuna in any one calendar year. The permit shall be valid for the length of the tournament plus one day or for 7 days from the date of issue, whichever is shorter.

C. The permit fee is \$50, which may be credited against the license fee for a nonresident commercial fishing license that is issued to the permittee within 30 days of the issuing of the permit.

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

Effective June 23, 1977