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1. Exceptions. Ballots are not public records and may be inspected only in accordance with this Title.

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CHAPTER 413

AN ACT to Require Implementation of Standards of Treatment for Residential Drug Treatment Centers Related to Special Education.

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

22 MRSA § 7115, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 566, § 1, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

The standards of treatment may include provision for special education services for any exceptional children, as defined by Title 20, section 3123, subsection 1, residing therein, pursuant to Title 20, chapter 404.

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CHAPTER 414

AN ACT Amending the Maine Property Insurance Cancellation Control Act.

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA § 3049, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 239, is amended to read:

This section shall not apply to any policy or coverage which has been in effect less than 60 days at the time notice of cancellation is mailed or delivered by the insurer unless it is a renewal policy. ~~This section shall not apply to the nonrenewal of a policy.~~ An insured shall not have the right to a hearing before the Superintendent of Insurance for the purpose of contesting cancellation of a new policy that has been in force less than 60 days.

This section shall not apply to the nonrenewal of a policy.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA § 3050, first ¶, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 239 and as amended by PL 1973, c. 585, § 12, is repealed as follows:

~~The reason shall accompany the notice of cancellation, together with notification of the right to a hearing before the superintendent within 15 days as provided herein~~

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA § 3050, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 239, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The reason shall accompany the notice of cancellation and, except for policies in force less than 60 days, a notification of the right to apply for a hearing before the Superintendent of Insurance within 15 days as provided herein shall accompany the notice of cancellation.

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA § 3051, first ¶, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 239, and as amended by PL 1973, c. 585, § 12, is further amended to read: The reason shall accompany the notice of intent not to renew, together with notification of the right to apply for a hearing before the superintendent Superintendent of Insurance within 15 days as provided.

Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA § 3051, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 239, and as amended by PL 1973, c. 585, § 12, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The reason or reasons for the intended nonrenewal action shall accompany the notice of intent not to renew and the reason or reasons shall be explicit. Explanations such as "underwriting reasons," "underwriting experience," "loss record," "location of risk," "credit report" and similar insurance terms are not by themselves acceptable explanations of an insurer's intended nonrenewal of a policy insuring property of the kind defined in section 3048.

Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA § 3055 is enacted to read:

§ 3055. Superintendent's authority to suspend

In the event of impairment or serious financial difficulty of an insurer or insurers, the superintendent shall have the authority to suspend the provisions of the Maine Property Insurance Cancellation Control Act from applying to the policies of the financially distressed insurer or insurers.

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CHAPTER 415

AN ACT to Require Housing Authorities and Other Agencies to Submit Annual Data about Housing Programs.

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

5 MRSA § 3306-A is enacted to read: