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~~duplicates of annual fiscal reports~~ and organizations operated by the student bodies of such institutions; and

Sec. 6-A. 9 MRSA § 5006, sub-§ 1, ¶ F, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 488, § 1, is amended to read:

F. Hospitals which are nonprofit and charitable ~~provided that a copy of the annual fiscal report is filed with the Secretary of State.~~

Sec. 7. 9 MRSA § 5006, sub-§ 2, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 488, § 1, is amended to read:

Any charitable organization which claims to be exempt from the registration provisions of this Act and which intends to or does solicit charitable contributions shall submit ~~annually~~, to the Secretary of State, a statement of the name, address and purpose of the organization and a statement setting forth the reason for the claim for exemption.

Sec. 8. 9 MRSA § 5015, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 488, § 1, is repealed.

Effective July 6, 1978

CHAPTER 655

AN ACT Concerning the Number of Persons Required to be Covered by an Existing Group Health Insurance Policy for its Renewal or Replacement.

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA § 2607, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, § 1, is amended to read:

1. The policy may be issued only if:

A. The association has been in existence for at least ~~5-4~~ years and was formed for purposes other than obtaining insurance; and

B. The participating employers, meaning such employer members whose employees are to be insured, constitute at date of issue at least ~~50%~~ 20% of the total employers eligible to participate, ~~unless the total number of persons covered at date of issue exceeds 600, in which event such participating employers must constitute at least 25% of such total employers, in either case~~

omitting from consideration any employer whose employees are already covered for group life insurance.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA § 2806, sub-§ 3, as amended by PL 1969, c. 177, § 51 is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The requirement that the policy cover at date of issue at least 100 persons or at least 25 persons in the case of credit union employees or associations of insurance agents, shall not apply if the policy is issued as a renewal or replacement for an existing policy previously issued by the same insurer or any other insurer.

Effective July 6, 1978

CHAPTER 656

AN ACT to Amend the Crime of Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer.

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA § 752, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 1, and as amended by PL 1975, c. 740, §§ 80 and 81, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA § 752-A is enacted to read:

§ 752-A. Assault on an officer

1. A person is guilty of assault on an officer if:

A. He intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to a law enforcement officer while the officer is in the performance of his official duties; or

B. While in custody in a penal institution or other facility pursuant to an arrest or pursuant to a court order, he commits an assault on a member of the staff of the institution or facility. As used in this paragraph "assault" means the crime defined in chapter 9, section 207.

2. A complaint for an assault on an officer may only be brought by the chief administrative officer of the law enforcement agency in which the officer against whom the assault was allegedly committed is a member.

3. Assault on an officer is a Class C crime.

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