

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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B. In appointing a qualified interpreter, the presiding officer shall give first consideration to persons who are certified by the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

D. The interpreter shall be appointed after consultation with the deaf or hearing impaired person. If the appointed qualified interpreter does not meet the needs of the deaf or hearing impaired person, the presiding officer shall, with the consent of the deaf or hearing impaired person, appoint another qualified interpreter.

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA § 48, sub-§ 3, ¶¶ B and C, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 704, § 1, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

B. When requested by an agency or court, the Bureau of Rehabilitation shall furnish the agency or court with a directory of information on appropriate and qualified interpreter sources.

C. An interpreter appointed under this section shall be reimbursed by the Bureau of Rehabilitation, upon certification by the appropriate agency or court of services performed, at a fixed rate reflecting the current fee schedule as established by the Bureau of Rehabilitation, plus travel expenses; provided that the rate shall not exceed \$15 an hour and that employees of the State or any of its political subdivisions, public employees and public or private school, university and college teachers or administrators for interpreting services or anyone who receives salary during regular work hours shall not be reimbursed under this section for interpreter services performed during their regular working hours. Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing any agency or court from employing a qualified interpreter on a full-time basis or under contract at a mutually agreed upon compensation rate.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 89

S. P. 136 — L. D. 313

AN ACT to Amend the Geologists and Soil Scientists Certification Act.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 4904, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 558, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 4904. Corporations, partnerships, associations and government agencies

This chapter does not prohibit one or more geologists or soil scientists from practicing through the medium of a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation or government agency. In such partnership or corporation whose primary activity consists of geological services, or in a government agency in which geological work is done, at least one partner, officer or employee shall be a certified geologist. In such partnership or corporation whose primary activity consists of soil science services, or in a government agency in which soil science work is done, at least one partner, officer or employee shall be a certified soil scientist. In the case of an agency of State Government, the Department of Personnel shall classify officers and employees under the Personnel Law in a manner that ensures that at least one certified geologist or soil scientist shall work for each agency in which, as the case may be, geological or soil science work is done and that any officer or employee who is engaged in the practice of geology or soil science and who is uncertified works as a subordinate to a certified geologist or soil scientist, as the case may be, and does not have responsible charge of work or evaluation.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 4906, sub-§ 4, as amended by PL 1975, c. 760, § 6, is further amended to read:

4. **United States Government employees.** Officers and employees of the State of Maine and the Government of the United States while engaged within this State in the practice of the profession of geologist or soil scientist for the government; and

Sec. 3. **Transition provision.** Any person who, on the effective date of this Act, is an officer or employee of the State and working as a geologist or soil scientist within the meaning of Title 32, chapter 73, shall be exempt from that chapter until such time as the board notifies applicants of the results of the first examination for which person is qualified and reasonably able to sit.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 90

H. P. 643 — L. D. 796

AN ACT to Centralize the Administration of Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act Petitions Filed in the State of Maine by the Official Child Support Agency of Another State.

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

Sec. 1. 19 MRSA § 332, sub-§ 10 is enacted to read:

10. **Title IV-D case.** "Title IV-D case" refers to an action initiated by any state or state agency responsible for enforcing child support obligations pursuant to United States Code, Title 42, section 651 et seq., as amended.