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Upon each award of the Workers' Compensation Commission, interest shall be assessed from the date on which the ~~last filed~~ petition for award is filed at a rate of 6% per year, provided that if the prevailing party at any time requests and obtains a continuance for a period in excess of 30 days interest will be suspended for the duration of the continuance. From and after the date of award the decree, interest shall be allowed at the rate of 10% per year. This section shall not apply to claims involving employees of the State of Maine and shall be enforced by the Workers' Compensation Commission.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 111

H. P. 397 — L. D. 504

AN ACT Concerning Workers' Compensation for Fire Personnel.

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

Sec. 1. 39 MRSA § 64-B, as amended by PL 1975, c. 480, § 10, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

For the purposes of this section, a person shall be considered an active member of a municipal fire department or of a volunteer fire fighters' association if that person is a member of a municipal fire department or volunteer fire fighters' association and if that person aids in the extinguishment of fires, regardless of whether or not that person has administrative duties or other duties as a member of the municipal fire department or volunteer fire fighters' association.

Sec. 2. 39 MRSA § 64-C, as amended by PL 1975, c. 480, § 10, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

For the purposes of this section, a person shall be considered an active member of a municipal fire department or of a volunteer fire fighters' association if that person is a member of a municipal fire department or volunteer fire fighters' association and if that person aids in the extinguishment of fires, regardless of whether or not that person has administrative duties or other duties as a member of the municipal fire department or volunteer fire fighters' association.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 112

H. P. 208 — L. D. 257

AN ACT Concerning the Maine Automobile and Property Insurance Cancellation Control Act.

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA § 2923 is enacted to read:

§ 2923. Nonliability for certain statements

1. Notices. Except as provided in Title 10, chapter 210, no insurer or licensed agent or employee of the insurer may be held liable in any civil action for statements made in a notice of cancellation or intent not to renew under this chapter if:

- A. The statements were made in good faith;
- B. The statements are reasonably related to the reason for cancellation or intent not to renew; and
- C. In the case of a notice of cancellation, the reason for cancellation is a reason permitted under section 2914.

2. Hearings. Except as provided in Title 10, chapter 210, no person may be held liable in any civil action for statements made or information given at a hearing held under this chapter if:

- A. The statements were made or the information was given in good faith;
- B. The statements or the information are reasonably related to the reason for cancellation or intent not to renew; and
- C. In the case of a hearing held on a notice of cancellation, the reason for cancellation is a reason permitted under section 2914.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA § 3056 is enacted to read:

§ 3056. Nonliability for certain statements

1. Notices. Except as provided in Title 10, chapter 210, no insurer or licensed agent or employee of the insurer may be held liable in any civil action for statements made in a notice of cancellation or intent not to renew under this chapter if:

- A. The statements were made in good faith;
- B. The statements are reasonably related to the reason for cancellation or intent not to renew; and
- C. In the case of a notice of cancellation, the reason for cancellation is a reason permitted under section 3049.

2. Hearings. Except as provided in Title 10, chapter 210, no person may be held liable in any civil action for statements made or information given at a hearing held under this chapter if:

- A. The statements were made or the information was given in good faith;
- B. The statements or the information are reasonably related to the reason for cancellation or intent not to renew; and
- C. In the case of a hearing held on a notice of cancellation, the reason for cancellation is a reason permitted under section 3049.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 113

H. P. 343 — L. D. 442

AN ACT to Extend the Time in which Appeals from Deputies' Decisions may be Taken in Unemployment Compensation Cases.

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

26 MRSA § 1194, sub-§ 2, 4th ¶, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1973, c. 147, is further amended to read:

Subject to subsection 11, unless the claimant or any such interested party, within ~~10~~ 15 calendar days after such notification was mailed to his last known address, files an appeal from such determination, such determination shall be final.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 114

H. P. 571 — L. D. 719

AN ACT to Include the Cost of Processing and Collecting Real Estate Tax Liens within the Amount of the Lien Itself.

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