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CHAPTER 140

H. P. 536 — L. D. 657

AN ACT to Compensate for Certain Wells within Highway Rights-of-Way.

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

23 MRSA § 652, sub-§ 3, is enacted to read:

3. Private water supplies within the right-of-way. In order to prevent undue hardship to properties served by water systems existing within the right-of-way of state and state aid highways prior to June 26, 1969, and which are the sole source of water supply to the property, and which are destroyed or altered, subsequent to the effective date of this Act, due to highway construction or reconstruction, the Department of Transportation is authorized to compensate the owners for such loss as may be determined equitable by the department.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 141

S. P. 234 — L. D. 686

AN ACT to Amend the Definition of Wholesale Life Insurance.

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

24-A MRSA § 2540, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 204, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

In addition to the wholesale plans referred to in this section, wholesale life insurance may also be issued to any group of persons eligible for franchise health insurance under section 2740, subject to the terms and conditions of that section.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 142

H. P. 417 — L. D. 542

AN ACT to Make the Voluntary Payment of Workers' Compensation Nonprejudicial.

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

Sec. 1. 39 MRSA § 51-A is enacted to read:

§ 51-A. Voluntary payments

The provision by an employer of any allowance, benefit, payment or service to an injured employee or, in the event of his death, to his dependents, which is not then required to be provided under this Act or which is provided when there is any dispute or question concerning the right of the employee or his dependents to compensation under this Act, shall not be considered to be an admission of liability for compensation by the employer.

Sec. 2. 39 MRSA § 106-A is enacted to read:

§ 106-A. Notice by the commission

Within 90 days of receipt of an employer's notice of injury, as required by section 106, unless it has received a petition for award or approved an agreement for compensation relating to the injured employee, the commission shall take reasonable steps to notify the employee that a petition for award may be filed; section 110 of the Act provides for the payment of attorney's fees under certain circumstances; and rights under the Act may be protected unless a petition of award or approved agreement is on file with the commission within 2 years of the injury.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 143

H. P. 594 — L. D. 738

AN ACT Concerning Rules and Regulations on the Licensing of Ambulances and Ambulance Personnel.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 73, sub-§ 6, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 694, §§ 537 and 538, is further amended to read;

6. Rules and regulations. The Department of Human Services shall adopt such forms, rules, regulations, procedures and records as may be necessary to fulfill the purposes of this chapter in conformity with the requirements of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, except that in addition to the requirements established by this Act with regard to the holding of public hearings, the board shall hold one public hearing in each county in the State, at a site in each county as centrally located as possible, and in the evening, in order to provide the greatest opportunity for public participation. In the rules pursuant to