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CHAPTER 289

S. P. 253 — L. D. 762

AN ACT Concerning the Definition of Criminal Mischief under the Maine Criminal Code.**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:**

17-A MRSA § 806, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, as amended by PL 1975, c. 740, § 88, is further amended to read:

A. Damages or destroys the property of another, having no reasonable ground to believe that he has a right to do so; or damages or destroys property to enable any person to collect insurance proceeds for the loss caused; or **tampers with the property of another, having no reasonable grounds to believe that he has the right to do so, and thereby impairs the use of that property; or**

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 290

S. P. 143 — L. D. 319

AN ACT Relating to the Maine Medical and Hospital Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association Act.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Regular Session of the 107th Legislature enacted "The Maine Medical and Hospital Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association Act," which Act automatically terminates on July 1, 1979; and

Whereas, the availability of hospital and medical malpractice insurance in Maine would be questionable without the Act; and

Whereas, it is imperative that the life of the Act be extended until July 1, 1980 to insure the availability of medical malpractice insurance; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA § 2403, sub-§ 2, as amended by PL 1977, c. 7, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. **Purpose.** The purpose of the association shall be to provide, until July 1, 1980, a market for medical malpractice insurance on a self-supporting basis without subsidy from its members.

Sec. 2. 24 MRSA § 2405, sub-§ 1, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 643, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The association shall not issue any policies with an inception date after July 1, 1980, and in no event shall issue a policy providing for coverage after July 1, 1981.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective May 25, 1979

CHAPTER 291

H. P. 291 — L. D. 388

AN ACT to Amend the Maine Veterinary Practice Act of 1975.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 4859, sub-§ 2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 694, § 638, is amended to read:

2. **License; register; set standards.** The power to license grant and deny licenses and, register and to set standards for practice for veterinarians practicing veterinary medicine in this State and for the performance of duties by animal technicians.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 4859, sub-§ 3, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 477, § 4, is amended to read:

After hearing, adopt, amend or repeal rules and regulations in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, section 8051, et. seq., necessary to carry into effect this chapter.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA § 4859-A, as amended by PL 1975, c. 623, § 51-A, is repealed.