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§ 2378. Failure of patient to return

If any patient committed under section 2334 leaves the grounds of the mental hospital without authorization of the chief executive officer, or his designee, or refuses to return to the hospital from a community pass when requested to do so, law enforcement personnel of the State or of any of its subdivisions may, upon request of the chief executive officer of the mental hospital or of his designee, assist in the return of the patient to the mental hospital.

Effective July 3, 1980

CHAPTER 624
H. P. 1665 — L. D. 1774

AN ACT to Permit Participating Local Districts of the Maine State Retirement System to Amend Retirement Benefits for Policemen and Fire Fighters Prospectively.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 1121, sub-§ 4, ¶ A, as amended by P&SL 1971, c. 179, § E, § 1, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

Any participating local district electing these benefits may, by filing with the board of trustees a duly certified copy of its action, discontinue any such benefit as to members of a fire or a police department, including the chiefs thereof and sheriffs and deputy sheriffs hired after the effective date of the action only, and may thereupon substitute for the benefit any other benefit provided for by this chapter. Nothing in this paragraph may be construed to affect in any way the rights of public employees to collectively bargain for terms and conditions of employment.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 1121, sub-§ 8, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 622, § 52, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

Any participating district which has selected a retirement provision under this subsection may, by filing with the board of trustees a duly certified copy of its action, discontinue any such benefit as to fire fighters, including the chief of a fire department, hired after the effective date of the action only, and may thereupon substitute for the benefit any other benefit provided for by this chapter, including any other benefit under this subsection. Nothing in this paragraph may be construed to affect in any way the rights of public employees to collectively bargain for terms and conditions of employment.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA § 1121, sub-§ 9, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 622, § 53, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

Any participating district which has selected a retirement provision under this subsection may, by filing with the board of trustees a duly certified copy of its action, discontinue any such benefit as to policemen, including the chief of a police department, hired after the effective date of the action only, and may thereupon substitute for the benefit any other benefit provided for by this chapter, including any other benefit under this subsection. Nothing in this paragraph may be construed to affect in any way the rights of public employees to collectively bargain for terms and conditions of employment.

Effective July 3, 1980

CHAPTER 625

S. P. 655 — L. D. 1694

AN ACT Relating to the Provision of Telephone Equipment by Telephone Companies to the Hearing Impaired and their Families.

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

35 MRSA § 2361 is enacted to read:

§ 2361. Telecommunication services for the Hearing Impaired

1. Toll call rates. The commission shall establish a rate for toll calls to and from deaf and hearing impaired persons who must rely on teletypewriters for telephone communications, which rate takes into account the greater amount of time required for deaf persons to conduct a telephone conversation using such devices.

2. Moneys for telecommunication typewriters. The Bureau of Rehabilitation within the Department of Human Services, pursuant to any appropriation of moneys to the bureau for telecommunication typewriters for the hearing impaired, shall, upon request, provide up to 50% of the cost of telecommunication typewriters to any organization or municipality that makes available the remaining funds for this equipment in a manner satisfactory to the Director of the Bureau of Rehabilitation.

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