

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
AS PASSED BY THE

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**2-A. Assignment of rights of recovery.** The receipt of benefits under the Medicaid program administered by the department pursuant to the Federal Social Security Act, Title XIX, shall constitute an assignment by the recipient to the department of the right to recover from third parties for the medical cost of injury, disease, disability or similar occurrence for which the recipient receives medical benefits. The department's assigned right to recover shall be limited to the amount of medical benefits received by the recipient and shall not operate as a waiver by the recipient of any other right of recovery against a third party which a recipient may have.

The recipient shall also be deemed to have appointed the commissioner as his attorney in fact to perform the specific act of submitting claims to insurance carriers or endorsing over the department any and all drafts, checks, money orders or any other negotiable instruments connected with the payment of third party medical claims.

Effective September 18, 1981

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## CHAPTER 25

H. P. 199 — L. D. 244

### AN ACT Concerning the Habitual Use of Drugs by Podiatrists.

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

32 MRSA § 3655, sub-§ 12, is amended to read:

**12. Unprofessional conduct.** A podiatrist shall refrain from any conduct generally considered unprofessional or unethical by the learned professions including, but not limited to, addiction to the use of narcotics, hallucinogenic or habit-forming drugs.

Effective September 18, 1981

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## CHAPTER 26

H. P. 123 — L. D. 155

### AN ACT to Establish a Sign on the Maine Turnpike for York Beach Region.

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

Whereas, a sign designating the York Beach Region is necessary for the benefit of the State and its citizens; and

Whereas, the sign designating the region should be similar in format and arrangement to the other signs constructed and maintained on the Maine Turnpike; and

Whereas, this sign should be constructed prior to the beginning of the summer season; 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:**

23 MRSA § 1201, sub-§ 32 is enacted to read:

**32. York Region.** Such sign shall be constructed and maintained on the Maine Turnpike not more than 2 miles northerly from exit 1 and shall be worded as follows:

**RECREATIONAL AREA**

**YORK BEACH — YORK**

**YORK HARBOR**

**CAPE NEDDICK**

**YORK EXIT**

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

Effective February 27, 1981

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## **CHAPTER 27**

**H. P. 173 — L. D. 194**

**AN ACT to Increase the Deer Registration Fee.**

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