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CHAPTER 58

H. P. 136 — L. D. 163

AN ACT to Provide Free Pheasant Hunting Stamps to Disabled Veterans.

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

12 MRSA § 7076, sub-§ 4, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, § 1, is amended to read:

A complimentary license to hunt or fish, or a combination hunting and fishing license and, if requested, a pheasant hunting permit, shall be issued to any resident of Maine who:

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 59

H. P. 221 — L. D. 258

AN ACT to Ensure Notification of Families and Guardians of Patients at State Mental Health Institutes.

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

Sec. 1. 34 MRSA § 2374, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 349, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The head of a public hospital, whenever one of the above situations specified in this section exists, shall immediately make a good faith attempt to notify, by telephone or personal communication or by letter, the parent or guardian of a minor patient or the legal guardian of an adult incompetent patient, if any is known, that such action has or will take place. The head of a public hospital shall similarly notify the spouse or adult next of kin of an adult competent patient, if any is known, unless the patient requests in writing that the notice not be given, or unless the patient was transferred from or will be returned to a state correctional facility. The hospital shall have no liability when good faith attempts to notify parents, spouse or guardian have failed.

Sec. 2. 34 MRSA § 2375, 3rd sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 349, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Prior to such release, the head of a public hospital shall make a good faith attempt to notify, by telephone or personal communication or by letter, the parent or

guardian of a minor patient or the legal guardian of an adult incompetent patient, if any, of the intent to release the patient on convalescent status and of the plan of treatment, if any. The head of a public hospital shall similarly notify the spouse or adult next of kin, if any, of a competent adult patient unless the patient requests in writing that the notice not be given. The hospital shall have no liability when good faith attempts to notify parents, spouse or guardian have failed.

Sec. 3. 34 MRSA § 2375, last ¶, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 349, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

If the convalescent status of a patient in a public hospital is to be changed, either because of a decision of the head of the hospital or because of a request made by a voluntary patient, the head of a public hospital shall immediately make a good faith attempt to notify, by telephone or personal communication or by letter, the parent or guardian of a minor patient or the legal guardian of an adult incompetent patient, if any is known, of the contemplated change. The head of a public hospital shall similarly notify the spouse or adult next of kin of an adult competent patient, if any, unless the patient requests in writing that the notice not be given. The hospital shall have no liability when good faith attempts to notify parents, spouse or guardian have failed.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 60

H. P. 58 — L. D. 71

AN ACT to Exempt Certain Site Evaluators from License Fee Requirements.

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

22 MRSA § 42, sub-§ 3-A, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 244, is amended to read:

The department may charge applicants no more than \$60 for examination to become a licensed ~~soñ~~ site evaluator. The department shall charge a biennial ~~soñ~~ site evaluator license fee of \$40. **A licensed site evaluator who is employed by the department to administer this section and does not practice for the public is exempt from the licensee fee requirement.** Appropriate rules shall be adopted by the department defining the appropriate financial procedure. The fees shall be paid to the Treasurer of State to be maintained as a permanent fund and used by the department for carrying out its plumbing rules and ~~soñ~~ site evaluation program.

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