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Sec. 1. 28 MRSA § 1002, first ¶, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 430, § 26, is further amended to read:

Upon adjudication of any traffic infraction under section 1001, the court shall suspend the operator's license, if any, for a period of ~~10~~ 20 days and shall forthwith forward ~~said~~ the license to the Secretary of State together with the record of adjudication on the form furnished for reporting convictions and adjudications for violations of Title 29.

Sec. 2. 28 MRSA § 1002, 2nd ¶ is amended to read:

Immediately upon receipt of ~~said~~ the record, the Secretary of State shall suspend the license, or right to operate, or right to obtain a license, of such person for the recommended period not to exceed 60 days, including the ~~10-day~~ 20-day suspension imposed by the court, without further hearing. **He shall also assign demerit points according to Title 29, section 2241, subsection 2.**

Sec. 3. 29 MRSA § 2241, sub-§ 2, first sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 731, § 65, is further amended to read:

For the purpose of identifying habitually reckless or negligent drivers and habitual or frequent violators of traffic regulations governing the movement of vehicles, the Secretary of State shall adopt regulations establishing a uniform ~~systems~~ **system** of assigning demerit points for convictions or adjudications of violations of statutes or regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles, including violations of Title 17-A, section 360, subsection 1, paragraphs A and B **and Title 28, section 1002.**

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

Effective May 13, 1981

CHAPTER 254

S. P. 360 — L. D. 1060

AN ACT to Amend the Laws Relating to Group and Blanket Health Insurance.

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

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA § 2328 is enacted to read:

§ 2328. **Optional coverage for optometric services**

1. Coverage required to be made available. Every nonprofit hospital or medical service organization which issues group health care contracts providing coverage for the services of a "physician" or "doctor" to residents of this State shall make available coverage for such services when performed by an optometrist to the extent the services are within the lawful scope of practice of an optometrist licensed to practice in this State, provided that the optometrist performing the services has contracted with the organization under terms and conditions which the organization deems satisfactory to its membership.

2. Contract. The group contract making available coverage for the services referred to in this section shall contain provisions for maximum benefits and coinsurance, and reasonable limitations, deductibles and exclusions.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA § 2841 is enacted to read:

§ 2841. Optional coverage for optometric services

1. Coverage required to be made available. Every insurer which issues for delivery in this State group health policies which provide coverage on an expense-incurred basis for the services of a "physician" or "doctor" to residents of this State shall make available to all groups coverage for such services when performed by an optometrist, to the extent the services are within the scope of the practice of an optometrist licensed to practice in this State.

2. Policy. The group or blanket policy making available coverage for the services referred to in this section shall contain provisions for maximum benefits and coinsurance, and reasonable limitations, deductibles and exclusions.

Sec. 3. Application. The requirements of this Act shall apply to all policies or contracts executed, delivered or issued for delivery in this State, after January 1, 1982.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 255

S. P. 579 — L. D. 1555

AN ACT to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 4613, sub-§ 2, ¶ B, sub-¶ (6), as enacted by PL 1971, c. 501, § 1, is amended to read: