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CHAPTER 337
H. P. 322 — L. D. 351

AN ACT to Provide for Notification of Employees When a Business Plant Leaves the State.

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

26 MRSA § 625-B, sub-§ 6-A is enacted to read:

6-A. Notice to employees and municipality. Any person proposing to relocate a covered establishment outside the State shall notify employees, and the municipal officers of the municipality where the plant is located, in writing not less than 60 days prior to the relocation. Any person violating this provision commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$500 may be adjudged, provided that no forfeiture may be adjudged if the relocation is necessitated by a physical calamity, or if the failure to give notice is due to unforeseen circumstances.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 338
H. P. 371 — L. D. 409

AN ACT to Amend the Municipal Securities Approval Act.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 5326, sub-§ 2, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 688, § 6, is amended to read:

“Industrial-commercial project” means any building, structure, dam, machinery, equipment or facilities, which may be deemed necessary for manufacturing, processing, assembling, storing, distributing, retailing or receiving raw materials or manufactured products, including hydroelectric facilities for the production of electricity; and those for transportation, communication, fishing, agriculture, research, **office space** or public accomodation and facilities related thereto, including, but not limited to, lodging, dining or conventions, together with all lands, property, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements and interests in lands which may be acquired by the municipality or a user for the construction or operation of such project.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 5326, sub-§ 11 is enacted to read:

11. Office space. "Office space" means office space in excess of 30,000 square feet, provided that at least 1/2 of the employees occupying the square footage represent new jobs in the community.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 339

H. P. 707 — L. D. 832

AN ACT to Amend the Maine Unfair Trade Practices' Laws.

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

5 MRSA § 209, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 199, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

In any action under this section where a permanent injunction is denied, the court may order the State to pay the costs of the defense of the prevailing party or parties and the costs of the suit upon a finding by the court that the action was frivolous.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 340

H. P. 711 — L. D. 836

AN ACT to Amend the Municipal Securities Approval Act.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 5325, sub-§ 1, ¶¶ I and J, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 688, § 1, are amended to read:

I. Energy distribution systems; and

J. Combined projects; and

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 5325, sub-§ 1, ¶ K is enacted to read:

K. Reconstruction of existing buildings for commercial use;

Sec. 3. 30 MRSA 5326, sub-§ 2-D is enacted to read: