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dealers; automatic laundries; machines that vend anything of value, including, but not limited to, a product, money or service; **a satellite facility approved by the Superintendent of the Bureau of Banking under Title 9-B; or comparable facility approved by the appropriate federal authority;** pharmacies; greenhouses; seasonal stands engaged in sale of farm produce, dairy products, sea food or Christmas trees; public utilities; industries normally kept in continuous operations, including, but not limited to pulp and paper plants and textile plants; processing plants handling agricultural produce or products of the sea; ship chandleries; marinas; establishments primarily selling boats, boating equipment, sporting equipment, souvenirs and novelties; motion picture theatres; public dancing; sports and athletic events; bowling alleys; displaying or exploding fireworks, under Title 8, chapter 9; musical concerts; religious, educational, scientific or philosophical lectures; scenic, historic, recreational and amusement facilities; real estate brokers and real estate salesmen; mobile home brokers and mobile home salesmen; provided that this section shall not exempt the businesses or facilities specified in sections 3205, 3206 and 3207 from closing in any municipality until the requirements of those sections have been met; stores wherein no more than 5 persons, including the proprietor, are employed in the usual and regular conduct of business; stores which have no more than 5,000 square feet of interior customer selling space, excluding back room storage, office and processing space.

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

Effective May 29, 1981

CHAPTER 353

S. P. 480 — L. D. 1363

AN ACT Concerning Energy Efficiency in Buildings Financed with Public Funds.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 1762, as reenacted by PL 1977, c. 563, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1762. **No facility constructed without life-cycle costs**

No public improvement, as defined in this chapter, public school facility or other building or addition constructed or substantially renovated in whole or in part with public funds or using public loan guarantees, with an area in excess of 5,000 square feet, may be constructed without having secured from the designer a proper evaluation of life-cycle costs, as computed by a qualified architect or engineer. The requirements of this section with respect to substantial renovation

shall pertain only to that portion of the building being renovated. Construction shall proceed only upon disclosing, for the design chosen, the life-cycle costs as determined in section 1764 and the capitalization of the initial construction costs of the facility or building. The life-cycle costs shall be a primary consideration in the selection of the design. As a minimum, the design shall meet the energy efficiency building performance standards promulgated by the Office of Energy Resources under Title 10, chapter 214.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 1764, sub-§ 1, as reenacted by PL 1977, c. 563, § 2, is amended to read:

1. **Bureau of Public Improvements to promulgate rules and procedures.** The Bureau of Public Improvements shall promulgate rules and procedures, including energy conservation guidelines which conform as a minimum to the energy efficiency building performance standards promulgated by the Office of Energy Resources under Title 10, chapter 214, for conducting an energy-related life-cycle costs analysis of alternative architectural or engineering designs, or both, and shall evaluate the efficiency of energy utilization for designs in the construction and lease of public improvements and public school facilities. Such rules and procedures shall take effect 90 days after the enactment of this subchapter.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 354

S. P. 477 — L. D. 1360

AN ACT to Permit the Opportunity for Continuing Health Insurance.

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

26 MRSA § 634 is enacted to read:

§ 634. Continuation of health insurance coverage during strike; notice

1. **Employer's duty.** During a strike, an employer may not cancel any policy of group health insurance issued pursuant to Title 24-A, section 2804 until the employer has first notified insured members that the policy is to be canceled.

2. **Notice.** The notice requirement contained in subsection 1 is satisfied if:

A. The employee actually receives the written notice;

B. The notice is mailed to the employee at an address which the employer reasonably believes is current;