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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

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## 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;

C. The notice is delivered to the employee by the same means as and along with wages due the employee; or

D. Timely notice is given to the collective bargaining agent of the employee.

Effective September 18, 1981

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## CHAPTER 355

H. P. 144 — L. D. 170

**AN ACT Concerning the Taking of Wood without Permission of the Owner.**

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

17 MRSA § 2510 is enacted to read:

**§ 2510. Unlawful cutting of trees**

1. **Unlawful cutting.** Any person who intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or negligently cuts down or fells any tree without the consent of the owner of the property on which the tree stands commits a civil violation for which the forfeitures provided in this section may be adjudged, except that the cutting down or felling of any tree by the following are exempt from this section:

A. The Department of Transportation in the performance of activities under Title 23, section 701;

B. Public utilities in maintaining adequate facilities in emergencies in compliance with Title 35, section 51;

C. Licensed arborists in removing street trees or property line trees under contract with a municipality or private individual, or in removing blowdown trees in emergencies; and

D. An abutter, personally or by his agent, involved in a boundary dispute with another abutter.

2. **Forfeitures.** The following forfeitures may be adjudged for each tree which has been cut or felled:

A. If the tree is no more than 6 inches in diameter, a forfeiture of \$25;

B. If the tree is over 6 and up to 10 inches in diameter, a forfeiture of \$50;

C. If the tree is over 10 and up to 14 inches in diameter, a forfeiture of \$75;