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**STATE OF MAINE**

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
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Effective September 23, 1983.

## CHAPTER 16

H.P. 338 - L.D. 397

### AN ACT to Amend Temporarily the Benefit Financing Provisions of the Employment Security Law.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation is vitally necessary to prevent a financial hardship on employers under the Employment Security Law during the 1983 tax year; and

Whereas, if this provision is not enacted, employers under the Employment Security Law will be assessed a reduction in tax credits of 1.2% for 1983 in accordance with the United States Internal Revenue Code, Section 3302 (c) (3); and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

26 MRSA §1221, sub-§2, ¶B is enacted to read:

B. Each employer subject to this chapter, other than those liable for payments in lieu of contributions, shall pay, in addition to his contribution rate as prescribed in subsection 4, 6/10 of 1% of the wages paid by him with respect to employment during the calendar years 1983 and 1984. This paragraph is repealed January 1, 1985.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency

cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective February 24, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 17

H.P. 598 - L.D. 744

### AN ACT to Clarify Legislative Intent on Setting Insurance Rates for Workers' Compensation Insurance.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, amendments to the workers' compensation rate setting statutes during 1979 and 1981 established detailed information filing requirements for consideration of workers' compensation insurance rate changes, but such legislation did not expressly amend the general statutory provision on standards for setting those rates; and

Whereas, the present statutory provisions leave uncertain whether this information will be considered in establishing those rates; and

Whereas, the Legislature intended, by requiring the detailed filing information, that that information be considered in establishing workers' compensation insurance rates; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

24-A MRSA §2303, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, §1, is amended to read:

C. Due consideration shall be given:

(1) To past and prospective loss experience