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

Effective February 24, 1983.

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 $\S 2303$, sub- $\S 1$, $\P C$, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, $\S 1$, is amended to read:
 - C. Due consideration shall be given:
 - (1). To past and prospective loss experience

within and outside this State;

- (2) To the conflagration and catastrophe hazards;
- (3) To a reasonable margin for underwriting profit and contingencies;
- (4) To dividends, savings or unabsorbed premium deposits allowed or returned by insurers to their policyholders, members or subscribers;
- (5) To past and prospective expenses both countrywide and those specially applicable to this State;
- (6) To all other relevant factors within and outside this State; and
- (6-A) In the case of workers' compensation rates, consideration shall be given to the information required to be filed under Title 39, section 22, subsections 2 and 3; and
- (7) In the case of fire insurance rates, consideration shall be given to the experience of the fire insurance business during a period of not less than the most recent 5-year period for which such experience is available.

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

Effective February 24, 1983.

CHAPTER 18

S.P. 32 - L.D. 87

AN ACT Pertaining to Local Public Hearings on Liquor License Applications.

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

- 28 MRSA §252-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 366, §5, is amended to read:
- 1. <u>Hearings.</u> The municipal officers or, in the case of unincorporated places, the county commission-