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## **CHAPTER 64**

H.P. 472 - L.D. 571

AN ACT to Amend the Special Education Statutes Providing for the Department's General Supervisory Responsibility for All Educational Programming for Exceptional Students.

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

20-A MRSA §7257 is enacted to read:

### §7257. General supervision

All educational programs for exceptional students within the State, including all such programs administered by any other state or local agency, will be under the general supervision of the commissioner.

Effective September 23, 1983.

### CHAPTER 65

H.P. 491 - L.D. 588

AN ACT to Provide for an Orderly Transition Period Following the Election of Constitutional Officers.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §81-A is enacted to read:

### §81-A. Transition period

In order to provide for an orderly transition following the biennial election of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State-elect shall not take the oath of his office or otherwise qualify for the office for a period of no less than 30 days following that election.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §121-A is enacted to read:

### §121-A. Transition period

In order to provide for an orderly transition following the biennial election of the Treasurer of State, the Treasurer of State-elect shall not take the oath of his office or otherwise qualify for the office for a period of no less than 30 days following that election.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §241-A is enacted to read:

### §241-A. Transition period

In order to provide for an orderly transition following the biennial election of the State Auditor, the State Auditor-elect shall not take the oath of his office or otherwise qualify for the office for a period of no less than 30 days following that election.

Effective September 23, 1983.

### **CHAPTER 66**

H.P. 157 - L.D. 182

AN ACT to Require the Use of Generic Drugs in the Low-cost Drug Program for the Elderly.

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

- 22 MRSA §254, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 619, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
- 4. Method of prescribing or ordering drugs. The method of prescribing or ordering these, drugs which may include, but not be limited to, the use of standard prescription refill sizes so as to minimize operational costs. Unless the prescribing physician indicates otherwise, the use of generic or chemically equivalent drugs shall be required, provided that these drugs are of the same quality and have the same mode of delivery as is provided to the general public, consistent with good pharmaceutical practice;

Effective September 23, 1983.