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CHAPTER 90

H.P. 887 - L.D. 1122

AN ACT to Clarify Filing Fee Requirements for Public Utilities Commission Approval of Electric Utilities' Purchase of Electric Power and Conversions.

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

Whereas, new filings for purchase of generating capacity, energy and transmission capacity under Title 35, section 13-B, are expected soon; and

Whereas, without the changes to Title 35, section 13-B, provided in this Act, some of those filing fees might be excessive; 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:

35 MRSA §13-B, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 673, §1, is amended to read:

4. Filing fee. When the petition is filed, the utility or utilities involved shall pay to the Public Utilities Commission an amount equal to 2/100 of 1% of the estimated cost of the purchase or conversion. The utility or utilities may, at the time of the filing of notice of its intent to file the petition, request the commission to waive all or a portion of the filing fee. The commission shall rule on the request for waiver within 60 days.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, filing fees paid as required here shall be segregated, apportioned and expended by the Public Utilities Commission for the purposes of this section. Any portion of the filing fee that is received from any utility or utilities and is not expended by the commission to process the petition for a certification of public convenience and necessity shall be returned to the utility or utilities.

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

Effective March 30, 1983.

CHAPTER 91

H.P. 896 - L.D. 1148

AN ACT Relating to General Health
Insurance Benefits for Injured
Maine Workers and Their Families.

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

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2330, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

10. Additional conversion period for injured workers. Any employee whose group health coverage ceases because of termination of employment resulting from an injury for which compensation is claimed under Title 39, and who has not begun to receive that compensation within the 31-day period prescribed in subsection 1, shall have an additional 30-day period in which to exercise the conversion privilege provided in this section. In cases where the injury results in the employee's death, the additional conversion period shall also be available to the employee's surviving spouse and children, as provided in subsection 2, paragraph A.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2809-A, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

10. Additional conversion period for injured workers. Any employee whose group insurance coverage ceases because of termination of employment resulting from an injury for which compensation is claimed under Title 39, and who has not begun to receive that compensation within the 31-day period prescribed in subsection 1, shall have an additional 30-day period in which to exercise the conversion privilege provided in this section. In cases where the injury results in the employee's death, the additional conversion period shall also be available to the employee's surviving spouse and children, as provided in subsection 2, paragraph A.

Sec. 3. Transition provision. This Act shall apply to any contract or policy executed, delivered,