

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
Augusta, Maine  
1983

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

Effective March 30, 1983.

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## 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,

issued for delivery, renewed, modified or amended in this State after its effective date.

Effective September 23, 1983.

## CHAPTER 92

H.P. 1041 - L.D. 1343

### AN ACT to Provide a Uniform Excise Tax on Watercraft.

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

Whereas, the tax assessment date for personal property tax is April 1st of each calendar year; and

Whereas, legislative action is necessary before that date in order to address this year the imbalances in the property tax which are causing difficulty for the commercial fishing fleet with the danger that some vessels may leave the State if action is not taken before April 1st; 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:

#### PART A

Sec. 1. 36 MRS A §655, sub-§1, ¶Q is enacted to read:

Q. All commercial fishing vessels subject to the excise tax imposed under chapter 109-A.

Sec. 2. 36 MRS A c. 109-A is enacted to read:

#### CHAPTER 109-A

#### COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS

#### §1441. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context indi-