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on the date of enactment shall not be affected by section 1.

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

Effective May 24, 1983.

CHAPTER 323

H.P. 1175 - L.D. 1563

AN ACT Pertaining to Directions from
Interstate 95 to the Maritime Provinces.

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

23 MRSA §1201, sub-§16-A, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 440, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

16-A. Maritime Provinces. This sign shall be constructed and maintained on Interstate 95 near the northbound Howland exit and shall be worded as follows:

MARITIME PROVINCES

NEXT EXIT

NORTHERN MARITIME PROVINCES

EXIT 63

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 324

H.P. 866 - L.D. 1114

AN ACT to Clarify the Rights of Putative
Fathers in Adoption Proceedings.

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

19 MRSA §532-C, 7th ¶, as amended by PL 1981, c. 369, §7, is further amended to read:

If the judge finds that the putative father is the natural father and that he is willing and able to protect the child from jeopardy, ~~or~~ and has not willfully abandoned the child, ~~or~~ and has not refused to take responsibility for the child, he may rule, if it appears to be in the best interest of the child, that the natural father has established parental rights to that child. The natural father may then either consent to the adoption of the child or execute a surrender and release for the purpose of adoption of the child. If the natural father will not either consent to the adoption of the child or execute a surrender and release for the purpose of adoption of the child, the judge may grant the exclusive care and custody of the child to the natural father.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 325

S.P. 524 - L.D. 1542

AN ACT to Require Physicians, Chiropractors and Podiatrists to Post their Policy regarding their Acceptance of Medicare Assignments.

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

32 MRSA §3297 is enacted to read:

§3297. Posting of policy regarding acceptance of Medicare assignment

Each allopathic physician licensed pursuant to chapter 48, each osteopathic physician licensed pursuant to chapter 36, each chiropractor licensed pursuant to chapter 9 and each podiatrist licensed pursuant to chapter 51 who treats Medicare-eligible individuals shall, after January 1, 1984, post in a conspicuous place his policy regarding the acceptance of Medicare assignment.

This posting shall state the policy on accepting assignment and shall name the person with whom the patient should communicate regarding the policy.

Effective September 23, 1983.