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STATE OF MAINE

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PUBLIC LAWS
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ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
JANUARY 4, 1984 TO APRIL 25, 1984

§106-A. Notice by the commission

Within 15 days of receipt of an employer's notice of injury, as required by section 106, unless it has received a petition for award of compensation relating to the injured employee, the commission shall take reasonable steps to notify the employee that, unless the employer disputes the claim, the employer is required to pay compensation within ~~14 days after~~, ~~an event which gives rise to an obligation to make payments under section 51-B, subsection 3~~ the time limits established in section 51-B, subsections 3 and 4; that a petition for award may be filed; section 110 of the Act provides for the payment of attorney's fees under certain circumstances; and rights under the Act may not be protected unless a petition of award or memorandum of payment is on file with the commission within 2 years of the injury.

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

Effective April 2, 1984.

CHAPTER 683

H.P. 1735 - L.D. 2288

AN ACT Establishing Penalties for
Violations of the Disconnection and Deposit
Regulations of the Public Utilities Commission.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §10051, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Violations. The Administrative Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear complaints of the Public Utilities Commission for violations of Title 35, section 314.

Sec. 2. 35 MRSA §314, as amended by PL 1983, c. 233, §2, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

If the commission finds that a public utility has willfully or recklessly violated any substantive rule promulgated by the commission pursuant to the authority granted in this section, the commission may bring a complaint against the public utility before the Administrative Court as provided in Title 5, section 10051, subsection 4, except that the jurisdiction in the Administrative Court shall not include the issuance, renewal, denial or revocation of a license of a public utility. The Administrative Court may impose fines in accordance with Title 4, section 1156.

Effective July 25, 1984.

CHAPTER 684

H.P. 1738 - L.D. 2290

AN ACT Relating to the Issuance of Bonds by Sanitary Districts.

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

38 MRSA §1201, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 466, §§11 and 14, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

10. Certain bond issues; notice; special meeting; vote. In the event that the trustees vote to authorize bonds or notes, for any of the corporate purposes of a sanitary district, excluding notes payable within one year, notes in anticipation of bonds authorized pursuant to this section, or notes in anticipation of the revenues to be collected or received in any year or notes in anticipation of the receipt of approved federal or state grants, the authorized amount of which, singly or in the aggregate included in any one financing, is \$150,000 or more, the trustees shall call a special district meeting for the purpose of permitting the collection of testimony from the public concerning the purpose and the amount of debt so authorized. Notice of the special district meeting, stating the approximate amount of the debt and the purpose for which it is being issued, shall be published not less than 7 full days prior to the date of the meeting in a newspaper having general circulation in the district and shall be mailed to each ratepayer in the district not later than the date of the publication. No debt may be incurred under the vote of the trustees until the expiration of