

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
Augusta, Maine  
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by the commission and actually raced bears to the total number of racing days granted in any one year by the commission and actually raced by all licensees. Payments shall be made to said licensees by the end of the calendar year.

Sec. 5. 8 MRSA §279, as amended by PL 1969, c. 526, §4, is further amended to read:

§279. Supervision; investigations

The commission shall have the power and authority to regulate, supervise and check the making of pari-mutuel pools and the distribution therefrom. Said The commission shall have the power and authority to investigate as to the direct and indirect ownership and control of any licensee and any expense incurred by the commission in so doing shall be at the expense of such licensee or of the applicant for a license. Said The commission shall have the power and authority to supervise and regulate all medication administered to horses entered to race. Such supervision is to include taking such specimens of body fluids as are deemed proper and necessary by an employee of the commission who shall be a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine within the State of Maine.

The commission may investigate any suspected violation of this chapter or the rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter. In connection with any such investigation, the commission shall have the power to conduct hearings, subpoena and examine under oath all persons, associations and corporations whose activities are subject to the jurisdiction of the commission or from whom the commission may need information in order to carry out the purposes of this chapter, and their officers, agents and representatives, together with their records, books and accounts. Any member of the commission, or the secretary of the commission, may sign subpoenas and administer oaths to witnesses.

Effective September 19, 1985.

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## CHAPTER 445

S.P. 484 - L.D. 1312

AN ACT to Prohibit Discrimination Against  
Handicapped People in Insurance.

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

24-A MRSA §2159-A, as amended by PL 1979, c. 663, §142, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§2159-A. Insurance discrimination solely on account of blindness prohibited

No insurer authorized to transact business in this State may refuse to insure or continue to insure, limit the amount, extent or kind of coverage available to an individual or charge an individual a rate different from that normally charged for the same coverage solely because the insured or the applicant for insurance is blind or partially blind.

No insurer authorized to transact business in this State may refuse to insure or continue to insure, limit the amount, extent or kind of coverage available to an individual or charge an individual a rate different from that normally charged for the same coverage solely because the insured or the applicant for insurance has a physical or mental handicap, as defined in Title 5, section 4553, subsection 7-A, other than blindness or partial blindness, unless the basis for that action is clearly demonstrated through sound actuarial evidence.

Effective September 19, 1985.

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## CHAPTER 446

S.P. 555 - L.D. 1501

### AN ACT Establishing Assessments to Defray the Expense of Maintaining the Bureau of Insurance.

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

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2332 is enacted to read:

§2332. Assessment for the recoupment of expenses related to the regulation of nonprofit hospital or medical service organizations and nonprofit health care plans