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and a new member may be appointed to complete the term of the preceding appointee. Members may continue to serve until their replacements are designated. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority to complete the term of the preceding appointee.

The commission shall elect a chairman from its legislative membership. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall serve as vice-chairman.

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

Effective February 13, 1986.

CHAPTER 526

H.P. 1225 - L.D. 1732

AN ACT to Authorize the Superintendent of
Insurance to Promulgate Rules Relating
to Coordination of Group Health
Insurance Benefits.

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

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2333 is enacted to read:

§2333. Coordination of benefits

Provisions contained in group nonprofit hospital, medical service or health care subscriber contracts relating to coordination of benefits payable under the contract and under other plans of insurance or of health care coverage under which the subscriber or his dependents may be covered shall conform to rules promulgated by the superintendent. The rules may establish uniformity in the permissive use of coordination of benefits provisions in order to avoid claim delays and misunderstandings that otherwise result from the use of inconsistent or incompatible provisions among the several insurers and nonprofit hospital, medical service and health care plans.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2844 is enacted to read:

§2844. Coordination of benefits

Provisions contained in group health insurance contracts relating to coordination of benefits payable under the contract and under other plans of insurance or of health care coverage under which a certificate holder or his dependents may be covered shall conform to rules promulgated by the superintendent. These rules may establish uniformity in the permissive use of coordination of benefits provisions in order to avoid claim delays and misunderstandings that otherwise result from the use of inconsistent or incompatible provisions among the several insurers and nonprofit hospital, medical service and health care plans.

Effective July 16, 1986.

CHAPTER 527

H.P. 1234 - L.D. 1743

AN ACT to Amend the Maine Community Services Act.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3512, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 176, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

It is the purpose and intent of this Act to delineate a system of community services and community action agencies to enhance and stimulate economic opportunity and self-sufficiency for all citizens. It is the purpose of this system to assure an effective focusing of private, local, state and federal resources upon these goals, enabling disadvantaged citizens and their families to attain the skills, knowledge, motivation and opportunities needed to become self-sufficient.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3513, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 176, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

5. Poverty level. "Poverty level" means the official poverty level issued by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to the United States Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of