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STATE OF MAINE

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PUBLIC LAWS
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or school district, and no person, firm or corporation may operate or cause to be operated upon any public highway in this State any such motor vehicle until the owner or owners of the vehicles have procured insurance or a bond, having a surety company authorized to transact business in this State or 2 individuals as sureties on the bond, in the amount of \$100,000 because of bodily injury or death to any one person, and subject to the limit respecting one person, in the amount of \$300,000 because of bodily injury to or death to 2 or more persons in any one accident, and in the amount of \$50,000 because of injury to and destruction of property in any one accident, which insurance or bond shall be approved by the Secretary of State and shall indemnify the insured against any legal liability for personal injury, the death of any person or property damage, which injury, death or damage may result from or have been caused by the operation of the motor vehicle described in the contract of insurance or bond. The Secretary of State shall not approve the policy or bond unless it provides primary coverage for the operator as well as the owner.

Effective July 16, 1986.

CHAPTER 659

H.P. 1542 - L.D. 2179

AN ACT to Adjust the Nonresident Commercial Fishing License Fee.

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

Whereas, the Portland fish pier is about to enter commercial operation; and

Whereas, its success is dependent upon a high volume of fish landed or traded in Portland; and

Whereas, the high license fees for nonresident commercial fishermen imposes a burden on Maine fishermen who land fish in states with reciprocal licensing fee arrangements; 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:

12 MRSA §6501, sub-§5, ¶C, as amended by PL 1985, c. 379, §2, is further amended to read:

C. ~~\$900~~ \$200 for nonresident operator and all crew members.

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

Effective April 11, 1986.

CHAPTER 660

H.P. 1564 - L.D. 2209

AN ACT to Require Employers to Notify Employees of the Termination of Group Insurance.

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

26 MRSA §629-B is enacted to read:

§629-B. Employee health benefit plans

1. Application. This section applies to health benefit plans which an employer provides or agrees to provide to his employees. It does not apply to employee health benefit plans separately provided by any employee organization or bargaining agent, regardless of any financial contribution to that plan by the employer.

2. Failure to implement a health benefit plan. If an employer fails to implement a health benefit plan which the employer had agreed to provide to his employees, the employer shall notify the employees of the failure to implement the plan as soon as possible after he knows that he will not implement the plan. The employer is liable for benefits which would have