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CHAPTER 33

S.P. 135 — L.D. 371

AN ACT to Amend the State Employees Labor Relations Act by Allowing 3-year Labor Contracts.

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

Whereas, numerous state employee contracts will expire July 1, 1987; and

Whereas, this legislation is vitally necessary for the negotiation of new contracts; 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:

26 MRSA §979-D, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 1985, c. 289, is further amended to read:

C. To execute in writing any agreements arrived at, the term of any such agreement to be subject to negotiation but shall not exceed 2 3 years;

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

Effective April 8, 1987.

CHAPTER 34

H.P. 30 — L.D. 31

AN ACT to Amend the Preferred Provider Arrangement Laws of Maine.

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

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2339, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 704, §2, is amended to read:

§2339. Alternative health care benefits

A nonprofit service organization which makes a preferred provider arrangement available shall provide for payment for covered health care services rendered by providers who are not preferred providers. ~~The payment shall be at least 80% of the amount that would have been paid by the nonprofit service organization for serv-~~

~~ices rendered by a preferred provider.~~

The benefit level differential between services rendered by preferred providers and nonpreferred providers may not exceed 20% of the allowable charge for the service rendered.

Allowable charge is defined as the reasonable amount which would be payable for a service prior to the application of any deductibles and coinsurance.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2677, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 704, §4, is amended to read:

§2677. Alternative health care benefits

An insurer or administrator who makes a preferred provider arrangement available shall provide for payment for covered health care services rendered by providers who are not preferred providers. ~~The payment shall be at least 80% of the amount that would have been paid by the administrator or insurer for services rendered by a preferred provider.~~

The benefit level differential between services rendered by preferred providers and nonpreferred providers may not exceed 20% of the allowable charge for the service rendered.

Allowable charge is defined as the reasonable amount which would be payable for a service prior to the application of any deductibles and coinsurance.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 35

H.P. 84 — L.D. 87

AN ACT Relating to Building Inspections.

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2355 is repealed.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2359, as amended by PL 1975, c. 623, §35, is further amended to read:

§2359. Refusing admission to inspector

Any owner or occupant of a building, who refuses to permit an inspector of buildings to enter his buildings or willfully obstructs him in the inspection of such building as required by chapters 313 to 321, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$1~~ \$50 nor more than ~~\$20~~ \$250, to be recovered by complaint or indictment.

Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2360 is amended to read: