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**PUBLIC LAWS**

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**CHAPTER 102**

H.P. 356 — L.D. 459

**AN ACT to Recognize Foreign Adoption Decrees.**

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

19 MRSA §531, as amended by PL 1983, c. 262, §3, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

If an adoption in a foreign country has been finalized and the adopting parents are seeking an adoption under the laws of this State to give recognition to the foreign adoption, a judge of probate may enter a decree of adoption based solely upon a judgment of adoption in a foreign country.

Effective September 29, 1987.

**CHAPTER 103**

S.P. 413 — L.D. 1271

**AN ACT to Assure Proper Notice of Workers' Compensation Claims.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 39 MRSA §63, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1973, c. 788, §227, is further amended to read:

Such notice shall be given to the employer, or to one employer if there are more employers than one; or, if the employer is a corporation, to any official thereof; or to any employee designated by the employer as one to whom reports of accidents to employees should be made. It may be given to the general superintendent or to the foreman in charge of the particular work being done by the employee at the time of the injury. If the employee is self-employed, notice shall be given to the insurance carrier or to the insurance carrier's agent or agency with which the employer normally does business.

**Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies only to persons injured on or after the effective date of this Act.

Effective September 29, 1987.

**CHAPTER 104**

H.P. 971 — L.D. 1314

**AN ACT Concerning Housing for Hearing Ear Dogs and Seeing Eye Dogs.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 17 MRSA §1312, sub-§§5 and 6 are enacted to read:

5. Housing accommodations; persons with guide dogs. Every blind or visually handicapped individual who has a sight-assistance animal, such as a guide dog, is entitled to full and equal access to all housing accommodations provided for in this section. Blind or visually impaired individuals may not be required to pay extra compensation to keep sight-assistance animals. A blind or visually impaired person shall be liable for any damages done to the premises by the animal.

6. Housing accommodations; definitions. "Housing accommodations," as used in this section, means any real property, or portion of real property, which is used or occupied, or is intended, arranged or designed to be used or occupied, as the home, residence or sleeping place of one or more human beings, including, but not limited to, public housing projects and all forms of publicly assisted housing, single and multifamily rental and sale units, lodging places, condominiums and cooperative apartments. "Housing accommodations" does not include:

A. The rental of a housing accommodation in a building which contains housing accommodations for not more than 2 families living independently of each other, if the owner or members of the owner's family reside in that housing accommodation; or

B. The rental of a room or rooms in a housing accommodation, if the rental is by the occupant of the housing accommodation or by the owner of the housing accommodation and the owner or members of the owner's family reside in that housing accommodation.

**Sec. 2.** 22 MRSA §3612, sub-§§5 and 6 are enacted to read:

5. Housing accommodations; persons with hearing-assistance animals. Every hearing impaired individual who has a hearing-assistance animal is entitled to full and equal access to all housing accommodations provided for in this section. Hearing impaired individuals may not be required to pay extra compensation to keep hearing-assistance animals. A hearing impaired person shall be liable for any damages done to the premises by the animal.

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