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dress of the person.

Any hearing conducted under the authority of this subsection shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375.

At the hearing, the alleged violator may appear in person or by attorney and answer the allegations of violation and file a statement of the facts, including the methods, practices and procedures, if any, adopted or used by him to comply with this chapter and present such evidence as may be pertinent and relevant to the alleged violation.

C. On the request of the department, the Attorney General may institute a civil action to collect a penalty imposed pursuant to this subsection. Only the Attorney General may compromise, mitigate or remit such civil penalties as are referred to him for collection.

D. All money collected from civil penalties shall be paid to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the General Fund. Money collected from civil penalties shall not be used for normal operating expenses of the department, except as appropriations made from the General Fund in the normal budgetary process.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 494

S.P. 436 — L.D. 1316

AN ACT to Establish an Outreach and Support Program for Head-injured Persons.

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

22 MRSA c. 715-A is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 715-A

ASSISTANCE FOR SURVIVORS OF HEAD INJURY

§3086. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Head injury. "Head injury" means a traumatic injury to the head or neck which results in a known or suspected loss of consciousness of any duration.

§3087. Registry; duty to report

The Bureau of Rehabilitation shall establish, maintain and operate a statewide registry of persons who sustain head injuries to assist in promoting the general health

and welfare of the State's citizens, including, but not limited to, the following specific purposes:

1. Assessment needs, planning and coordination. To assess the needs of persons who sustain head injuries and to facilitate rehabilitation planning and coordination efforts;

2. Education and information. To provide educational material to the medical community including, but not limited to, emergency room physicians, psychiatrists, neurologists, neurosurgeons, neuropsychologists and other interested persons relating to diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of the sequelae of head injuries; and

3. Network. To provide a means for persons who have sustained head injuries or their family members or friends to contact each other or to contact local or statewide support groups for survivors of head injuries.

Hospitals, physicians and neuropsychologists are encouraged to report to the bureau all persons whom they diagnose as having sustained head injuries. They are encouraged to submit a report within 7 days of the diagnosis which shall contain, but shall not be limited to, the following: The name, if released; age; and residence of the person; and the date and cause of the injury. No person's name may be released without that person's consent or the consent of the person's guardian or other person having legal responsibility for the person. A hospital, physician or neuropsychologist who submits a report under this section is not liable for any civil damages as a result of that act.

§3088. Comprehensive rehabilitation service system

The department shall, within the limits of its available resources, develop a comprehensive rehabilitation service system specifically designed to train, educate and physically rehabilitate the head-injured individual. The service programs shall include, but need not be limited to, physical therapy, cognitive retraining, behavior modification, social skills, counseling, vocational rehabilitation and independent living. The department may increase the availability of adequate post-hospital residential facilities designed to meet the unique needs of persons who have sustained a head injury.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 495

H.P. 1366 — L.D. 1872

AN ACT to Extend the Time for the Transfer of Authority to Adjudicate Traffic Infractions to the Secretary of State.

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