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(2) The member or employee becomes eligible for coverage under another group policy; or

(3) The Workers' Compensation Commission determines that the injury or disease which entitle the employee to continue coverage under this section is not compensable under Title 39.

H. At the expiration of any continued group coverage obtained under this subsection, the member or employee has the same conversion privileges as otherwise granted under this section.

I. This subsection shall not be construed to:

(1) Prevent members or employees from negotiating for or receiving greater continued coverage of group insurance than is provided in this subsection; or

(2) Require coverage beyond the time ~~limits~~ limit set in paragraph F; or

(3) Permit an employee to increase the level of benefits or coverage that the employee received immediately before the termination of the employee's coverage.

J. This subsection does not apply to any group policy subject to the United States Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, Public Law 99-272, Title X, Private Health Insurance Coverage, Sections 10001 to 10003.

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CHAPTER 448

H.P. 826 - L.D. 1158

An Act to Strengthen Criminal Drug Laws in the State by Allowing Forfeiture of Firearms and Other Dangerous Weapons

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §5821, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 420, §2, is amended to read:

3. **Other property.** All property which is used or intended for use as a container for property described in subsection 1 or 2, and all property which is used or intended for use to defend, protect, guard or secure any property or items described in subsection 1 or 2;

Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §5821, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Firearms and other weapons. Law enforcement officers may seize all firearms and dangerous weapons that they may find in any lawful search for scheduled drugs in which scheduled drugs are found. Except for those seized weapons listed in a petition filed in the Superior Court pursuant to section 5822, all weapons seized, after notice and opportunity for hearing shall be forfeited to the State by the District Court 90 days after a list of the weapons and drugs seized is filed in the District Court in the district in which the weapons and drugs were seized. A weapon shall not be forfeited if the owner appears prior to the declaration of forfeiture and satisfies the court, by a preponderance of evidence, of all of the following:

A. That the owner had a possessory interest in the weapon at the time of the seizure sufficient to exclude every person involved with the seized drugs or every person at the site of the seizure;

B. That the owner had no knowledge of or involvement with the drugs and was not at the site of the seizure; and

C. That the owner had not given any involved person permission to possess or use the weapon.

Post-hearing procedures shall be as provided in section 5822.

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CHAPTER 449

S.P. 519 - L.D. 1426

An Act Relating to Certain Proprietary Information of Insurance Agents and Brokers

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

24-A MRSA §2171, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, §1, is amended to read:

§2171. Using insurance information to detriment of another

Whenever the instrument requires that the purchaser, mortgagor or borrower furnish insurance of any kind on real or personal property being conveyed or as collateral security to a loan, the mortgagee or lender shall refrain from selling, transferring or otherwise disclosing or using any and all such insurance information to his or its the mortgagee's or lender's own advantage and to the detriment of either the borrower, purchaser, mortgagor, insurer or company or agency complying with the requirements relating to insurance.

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