

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS

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STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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1. Payment or denial of claim. An explanation of the payment or denial of any claim filed on behalf of the insured minor;

2. Change in terms and conditions. An explanation of any proposed change in the terms and conditions of the policy; or

3. Notice of lapse. Reasonable notice that the policy may lapse, but only if the parent has provided the insurer with the address at which the parent may be notified.

In addition, any parent who is able to provide the information necessary for the insurer to process a claim shall be permitted to authorize the filing of any claims under the policy.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved, except that Parts B, C and D shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.

Effective July 10, 1989, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 557

H.P. 538 - L.D. 735

An Act to Improve the Cost-of-living Adjustment Under the Maine State Retirement System

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

5 MRSA §17806, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is amended to read:

B. Whenever the annual percentage ~~change~~ increase in the Consumer Price Index from July 1st to June 30th exceeds 4%, the board shall make whatever adjustments in the retirement benefits are necessary to reflect an annual increase ~~or decrease~~ of 4% and shall ~~report that adjustment and~~ submit a supplemental budget request to the Governor for the additional funds that would be required to make adjustments in the retirement benefits to reflect the actual increase ~~or decrease~~ in the Consumer Price Index ~~to the Legislature during the month of February of the following year.~~ The request shall include a report stating the cost of the 4% increase, the actual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index and the percentage adjustments granted during the previous 5 years. The board shall make an additional adjustment in the retirement benefits in the month following the appropriation only in that amount.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 558

H.P. 794 - L.D. 1106

An Act to Allow Municipal Clerks to Inspect Sample Ballots before Election Day

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §606, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Sample ballots. The Secretary of State shall affix a sealed envelope containing samples of each type of ballot packed inside to the outside of every package or box of ballots sent to a voting place. The Secretary of State shall authorize preparation of the sample ballots which shall be printed concurrently with the regular ballots. A sample ballot must be substantially the same as the type of ballot it exemplifies, except that:

A. The words "SAMPLE BALLOT" in bold type and the name of the voting district must be printed on each sample ballot;

B. The facsimile of the signature of the Secretary of State must not be printed on a sample ballot; and

C. A sample ballot must be incapable of being cast using a voting machine or electronic voting system.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §606, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Receipt issued; inspection of sample ballots. The clerk shall immediately send the Secretary of State a receipt for the ballots the clerk receives. Upon receipt of a package or box containing ballots, the clerk shall, in the presence of one or more witnesses, open the sealed envelope containing sample ballots described in subsection 2-A affixed to that package or box. The clerk shall immediately notify the Secretary of State if a sample ballot differs materially from the appropriate specimen ballot, described in section 603.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 559

H.P. 837 - L.D. 1169

An Act to Provide Comprehensive, Consolidated Student Financial Assistance Services

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

Whereas, students who are attending or planning to attend institutions of higher education and who are residents of the State or are attending these institutions in the State,