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within ~~30~~ 90 days of the date of the final written approval of the variance or the variance is void. The variance is not valid until recorded as provided in this subsection. For the purpose of this subsection, the date of the final written approval shall be the date stated on the written approval.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 643

S.P. 762 - L.D. 1987

An Act to Enable the Department of Marine Resources to Issue Identification Tags for Lobster Gear

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

12 MRSA §6442, as amended by PL 1985, c. 540, is further amended to read:

§6442. Lobster identification tags; fee authorized

The commissioner may impose a reasonable fee not to exceed 50¢ per tag, for the issuance of lobster trap identification tags in those areas of the State included in the Swan's Island ~~Experimental~~ Trap Limit Program.

The fees collected ~~shall~~ must be paid to the department. The commissioner shall use these fees for the administration of the lobster trap tag system. Any fees that are unexpended at the end of the fiscal year ~~shall~~ do not lapse.

~~This section is repealed on September 30, 1990.~~

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 644

H.P. 1399 - L.D. 1935

An Act to Ensure That Residents of Long-term Care Facilities Are Provided with Information about the Services of the Long-term Care Ombudsman Program

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

22 MRSA §7924, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Notice of program. Each long-term care facility shall provide to each resident, guardian or personal representative, at the time of admission, information that the long-term care ombudsman program is a source of assistance with complaints and problems. At least 2 posters must be mounted in prominent places in each long-term care facility to inform residents about the services of the program. The posters must also include the department's current rules regarding the rights of residents of long-term care facilities.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 645

S.P. 744 - L.D. 1948

An Act to Amend the Employee Suggestion Awards System

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §642, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 289, §8, is amended to read:

4. Maximum cash award. The maximum cash award approved shall be limited to 10% of the first year's estimated savings, or $2,000, whichever is less. ~~An~~ Except as provided in subsection 4-A, an award shall not be made for any suggested savings of less than $250. Any cash awards approved by the board shall be charged against the fund or funds to which estimated savings apply. If it is not possible to reasonably estimate the savings, the board may pay an initial amount and pay an additional amount at the end of the first year, or may pay the full amount at the end of the first year.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §642, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Improvements to service without cost savings. Upon the recommendation of the agency head of the affected program, the board may approve an award not to exceed $100 for a suggestion that results in improved services or operation of the program but does not result in identifiable cost savings.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §642, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 289, §8 is amended to read:

7. Administration. Notwithstanding any other law, whenever an award is made from a fund, an equal amount shall be transferred from the same fund to a special revenue fund available to the Department of ~~Personnel~~ Administration to be used to administer the program.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 646

H.P. 1461 - L.D. 2038

An Act to Provide for Expedited Merger, Consolidation or Acquisition of Credit Unions