

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE  
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J.S. McCarthy Company  
Augusta, Maine  
1990

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B. Pregnancy;

C. Colon cancer; and

D. Cholesterol.

**3. Testing without referral.** This section does not require any medical laboratory to perform laboratory services without a physician referral.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 666

H.P. 1355 - L.D. 1872

### An Act Concerning Patient Access to Medical Records

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

**22 MRSA §1711-A** is enacted to read as follows:

#### §1711-A. Fees charged for records

Whenever a health care practitioner defined in Title 24, section 2502, subsection 1-A furnishes requested copies of a patient's medical record or a medical report to the patient, the charge for the copies or the report may not exceed the reasonable costs incurred by the health care practitioner in making and providing the copies or the report.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 667

S.P. 714 - L.D. 1891

### An Act to Amend the Maine Severance Pay Laws

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

**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §625-B, sub-§1, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1979, c. 663, §157, is amended to read:

C. "Employer" means any person who directly or indirectly owns and operates a covered establishment. For purposes of this definition, a parent corporation is considered the indirect owner and operator of any covered establishment that is directly owned and operated by its corporate subsidiary.

**Sec. 2. Retroactivity.** This Act is retroactive to October 1, 1975.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 668

H.P. 1420 - L.D. 1972

### An Act to Clarify the Term of Certificates of Authorization under the Workers' Compensation Act

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

**39 MRSA §52-A, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 559, Pt. B, §21, is further amended to read:

1. **Certificate of authorization.** Any employee who makes any claim for compensation, enters into any agreement for compensation or is receiving compensation shall, upon request by the employer, execute a certificate, in a form prescribed by the commission, authorizing the employer to obtain, after payment of a reasonable fee, from any physician, osteopath, chiropractor or any other health care provider any written information which is or has been obtained in connection with the examination or treatment of the employee and which relates to any injury or disease for which compensation is claimed. A certificate of authorization remains valid and must be honored for as long as the employee continues to make any claim for compensation, the agreement for compensation remains in effect or the employee receives compensation.

If any employee fails to execute such a certificate within 20 days after receiving a request made by certified mail, return receipt requested:

A. As to any employee who is making a claim for compensation, any action on the employee's claim shall be suspended, without interest under section 72, until the certificate is executed; and

B. As to any employee who is receiving compensation or who has entered into an agreement for the payment of compensation, payment of compensation shall be suspended until the certificate is executed.

The date on a returned receipt of delivery is prima facie evidence of the employee's receipt of the request on that date. The request must contain a notice to the employee that if he fails to execute the certificate within 20 days after receiving the request, any action on his claim for compensation will be suspended or his compensation will be suspended.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 669

H.P. 1314 - L.D. 1816

### An Act Concerning Burials in the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery