

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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August 21, 1989 to August 22, 1989

and

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

January 3, 1990 to April 14, 1990

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
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PUBLIC LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED AT THE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

of the
ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE

January 3, 1990 to April 14, 1990

(1) One member from the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf;

(2) One member from a statewide association for the deaf;

(3) One member from a center on deafness;

(4) One member from a company providing telecommunications relay service in this State;

(5) One member of a telephone association in this State; and

(6) Two members from the general public who must rely on TDD's for telecommunications.

2. Compensation. Compensation is not authorized.

3. Technical assistance. The commission shall provide technical assistance to the advisory council.

4. Appointment of chair and vice-chair. The members shall annually elect a chair and a vice-chair from among the membership. The vice-chair shall serve as acting chair in the absence of the chair. The council shall meet at the call of the chair but no fewer than 4 times during the calendar year. The chair may delegate, as necessary, duties to members to carry out the functions of the council.

5. Powers and duties. The advisory council shall evaluate telecommunications relay services in this State and shall advise providers of telecommunications relay services regarding telecommunications relay service matters, including, but not limited to, the development of training standards and an evaluation of the service being provided, including the quality and availability of that service.

Sec. 8. Transition clause. In order to accomplish a smooth transition without an interruption in service between the current telecommunications relay services administered by the State pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 961 and an effective, continuous, statewide telecommunications relay system operated by other service providers, the Public Utilities Commission shall periodically notify the Department of Human Services of the development and implementation of any telecommunications relay services. The first meeting of the Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council must be called by the Chair of the Advisory Committee to the Division of Deafness.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective April 17, 1990.

CHAPTER 852

H.P. 1708 - L.D. 2357

An Act to Amend the Laws Applicable to Medicare Supplement Insurance Policies

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

Whereas, this Act authorizes and directs the Superintendent of Insurance to adopt rules to protect purchasers of Medicare supplement insurance policies, as required by federal law; and

Whereas, the rule-making process must begin immediately to permit Maine's rules and laws regarding Medicare supplement policies to comply with federal standards; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §5003, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 234, §4, is amended to read:

1. Issuance of rules. The superintendent shall issue reasonable rules to establish minimum standards for benefits, claims payments, marketing practices, compensation arrangements and reporting practices under Medicare supplement policies and contracts.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §5004, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 27, §4, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Effective date. Section 2 of this Act takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved, except as otherwise indicated.

Effective April 17, 1990, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 853

H.P. 1728 - L.D. 2387

An Act to Clarify the Appointment of County Jail Administrators

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