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years. Each member shall hold office until ~~his~~ a successor is appointed and qualified.

C. The Governor shall appoint the ~~chairman~~ chair of the commission and the Commissioner of Labor shall serve as ~~vice-chairman~~ vice-chair. The commission shall actively seek information and involvement from organized labor, the professional safety community, the various state and federal agencies concerned with safety and interested private citizens, groups and organizations.

D. The appointed members of the board ~~shall be compensated~~ are entitled to compensation according to Title 5, chapter 379. The commission ~~chairman~~ chair must approve and countersign all vouchers for expenditures under this paragraph.

2. Duties. The commission shall conduct studies and hold public meetings as necessary to develop findings and recommendations respecting each of the following issues:

A. Evaluation of the effectiveness of current worker safety efforts, practices and programs in the State and the attitudes of employers and workers toward safety;

B. Identification of the best-practice safety programs in the State and elsewhere, whose ~~wide-spread~~ wide-spread adoption would reduce the incidence, severity and cost of workplace accidents and illnesses;

C. Identification of emerging occupational safety and health issues that will be of importance in the future and assessment of their policy implications; and

D. Determination of existing statistical information on accidents and illnesses and reliability and adequacy to monitor trends and to support effective safety rehabilitation and compensation programs;

The commission shall also review occupational safety loan requests as provided for in section 63.

3. Recommendations. The commission shall make recommendations on a continuing basis to include:

A. Specific recommendations for action by the Governor, the Legislature, educators, the safety profession, employers and workers ~~which~~ that will reduce the frequency, severity and costs of work-related accidents and illnesses and ~~which~~ will enhance, promote and improve safety in ~~Maine's~~ the State's workplaces; and

B. Recommendations for actions that will improve employer, worker and public attitudes toward safety in the workplace and that will create a continuing public-private, employer-employee partnership in the area of job safety.

4. Support. The Department of Labor shall provide administrative, clerical and technical support to the commis-

sion and act as its fiscal agent unless otherwise provided for. All agencies of the State shall cooperate fully with the commission.

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §63, sub-§1, ¶¶D and E, as amended by PL 1987, c. 559, Pt. B, §9, are further amended to read:

D. A majority vote of the Commission on Safety and Health in the Maine Workplace is necessary to recommend approval of a loan ~~which shall that is then be~~ transmitted to the department for final disposition in accordance with the policies adopted by the department;

E. Loan applications ~~shall~~ must be reviewed by both the Commission on Safety and Health in the Maine Workplace and the department for feasibility, such as, for the general reasonableness and safety need for the proposal, whether the applicant has sufficient capital, whether an adequate safety analysis or other counseling requirement has been completed, whether the applicant is ~~credit worthy~~ creditworthy within the scope of this program and whether the collateral offered to secure the loan is adequate;

Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §63, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 559, Pt. B, §11, is amended to read:

2-A. Commission on Safety and Health in the Maine Workplace. The Commission on Safety and Health in the Maine Workplace shall review loan proposals under this section. The commission shall meet at least twice yearly for this purpose in Augusta or any other place designated by the ~~chairman~~ chair.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 94

S.P. 63 - L.D. 115

An Act to Amend the Special Archery Hunting Season Laws

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

12 MRSA §7102, sub-§4, ¶B, as amended by PL 1981, c. 414, §16, is further amended to read:

B. ~~There shall be~~ The commissioner shall by rule establish a special open season ~~from the first day of October beginning at least 30 days prior and extending~~ to the beginning of the regular deer hunting season, as described in section 7457, subsection 1, paragraph A, for the purpose of hunting deer with bow and arrow only.

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