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1991

Elder and Adult Services - Bureau of

All Other

\$48,465

Provides funds for the longterm care ombudsman program.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 766

H.P. 1494 - L.D. 2106

An Act Concerning Tribal Courts

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §6209, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 1987, c. 756, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

A. Criminal offenses against a person or property for which the maximum potential term of imprisonment does not exceed 6 months and the maximum potential fine does not exceed \$500 \$1,000 and which that are committed on the Indian reservation of the respective tribe or nation by a member of either tribe or nation against another member of either tribe or nation or against the property of another member of either tribe or nation.

> (1) The Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation shall also have the right to exercise exclusive jurisdiction separate and distinct from the State over criminal offenses against a person or property for which the maximum potential term of imprisonment is less than one year and the maximum potential fine does not exceed \$5,000 and which that are committed on the Penobscot Indian Reservation reservation of the respective tribe or nation by a member of the Penobscot Nation either tribe or nation, except when committed against another a person who is not a member of the Penobscot Nation either tribe or nation or against the property of another a person who is not a member of the Penobscot Nation either tribe or nation.

> > (a) This subparagraph is repealed on September 30, 1995. Before that date, the Penobscot Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Department of the Attorney General may each submit written reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary <u>matters</u> concerning the effect of this subparagraph;

Sec. 2. Effective date; certification. This Act is not effective unless, within 60 days of the adjournment of the Legislature, the Secretary of State receives written certification by the Governor and Council of the Penobscot Nation and the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe that the nation and tribe have agreed to the provisions of this Act pursuant to 25 United States Code, Section 1725(e), copies of which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives; provided that in no event may this Act become effective until 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature.

> See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 767

H.P. 1524 - L.D. 2153

An Act Regarding 24-hour Pilot Projects in Workers' Compensation Insurance

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

Sec. 1. 39 MRSA §23, sub-§1-A, ¶¶A and B, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 615, Pt. A, §23, are amended to read:

A. The Superintendent of Insurance shall adopt rules to enable employers and employees to enter into agreements to provide the employees with workers' compensation medical payments benefits through comprehensive health insurance that covers health care benefits covering workplace injury and illness and nonworkplace injury and illness and other health care benefits in comprehensive pilot projects. The health care benefits may be provided by: organizations authorized to do business under Title 24; insurers or health maintenance organizations authorized to do business under Title 24-A; employee benefit plans; and benefit plans of employers who self-insure under this section. The superintendent shall review all pilot project proposals and may approve a proposal only if it confers medical benefits upon injured employees substantially similar to benefits available under this Title. The superintendent shall revoke approval if the pilot project fails to deliver the intended benefits to the injured employees.

B. The Notwithstanding the provisions of section 52, the comprehensive health insurance care benefits pilot project may provide for health care by a health maintenance organization or a allow for case management and cost control mechanisms, including the use of preferred provider organization or