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PUBLIC LAWS
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~~during the term of the transaction~~, entered into in this State within the preceding calendar year and held either by the seller, lessor, or lender for more than 30 days after the inception of the sale, lease or loan giving rise to the obligations, or by an assignee who has not filed notification. A refinancing of a sale, lease or loan resulting in an increase in the amount of an obligation is considered a new sale, lease or loan to the extent of the amount of the increase.

Sec. 2. 9-A MRSA §6-203, sub-§§3-A and 3-B are enacted to read:

3-A. Notwithstanding subsections 2 and 3, lenders who are supervised financial organizations shall pay a volume fee of \$20 for each \$100,000, or part thereof, of the original unpaid balances arising from or taken by assignment from consumer credit transactions entered into in this State during the previous calendar year.

3-B. Notwithstanding subsections 2 and 3, lenders who are supervised lenders making loans secured by an interest in land shall pay a volume fee of \$15 for each \$100,000, or part thereof, of the original unpaid balances arising from consumer credit transactions entered into in this State during calendar year 1993 and \$20 per \$100,000 of such balances from transactions entered into in 1994 and subsequent calendar years.

Sec. 3. Report. The Superintendent of the Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance on or before January 1, 1995 on the following issues: changing economic conditions; the portion of staff time expended relative to various categories and sizes of business on complaint resolution, product review, consumer education and enforcement activities; the need for maintenance of adequate reserves without retention of excessive carryover balances; and the bureau's administrative expenses in relation to the various categories and transaction volumes of lenders, lessors, sellers and assignees.

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CHAPTER 269

S.P. 363 - L.D. 1120

An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Rate Setting at Residential Treatment Centers

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8152, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 432, §1, is amended to read:

4. Interim rate. If a residential treatment center has substantially complied with subsection 3, paragraph A, and if the State has not offered, in good faith, a contract to a residential treatment center by July 1st of each year, services ~~which that~~ are currently being provided by that residential treatment center ~~shall~~ **must** be paid at a rate equal to the rate established immediately prior to July 1st of each year, increased or decreased by the ~~most current wage and price index established by Data Resources, Inc~~ annual inflation rate as measured by the most recent Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) All Items, published by the United States Department of Labor. This interim rate ~~shall remain~~ remains in effect for a residential treatment center until the State offers that residential treatment center a contract. The rate ~~shall~~ **must** then return to the level established immediately prior to July 1st of each year until a negotiated contract has been signed by both parties.

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CHAPTER 270

H.P. 776 - L.D. 1049

An Act to Permit the Inclusion of Occupational Injury as a Reportable Condition under the Occupational Disease Reporting System

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1491, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 452, §1, is amended to read:

§1491. Occupational disease reporting

As used in this chapter the term "occupational disease" means any abnormal condition or disorder, ~~other than resulting from an occupational injury~~ including an occupational injury, caused by exposure to environmental factors associated with employment. Occupational diseases ~~shall~~ include the following: Asbestosis; mesothelioma; silicosis; and exposure to heavy metals. Reporting of other occupational diseases may be required only by departmental rules.

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CHAPTER 271

H.P. 980 - L.D. 1311

An Act to Change the Railroad Fire Protection Laws