

# LAWS

### **OF THE**

# **STATE OF MAINE**

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> J.S. McCarthy Company Augusta, Maine 1993

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#### **CHAPTER 313**

Sec. 40. 39-A MRSA 409, first , as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. A, and affected by 9 to 11, is amended to read:

The Superintendent of Insurance shall annually assess on self-insuring employers approved pursuant to section 403, respecting the operations of each self-insurer conducted in the State to defrav the cost of administration of the Bureau of Insurance. The annual assessment upon approved self-insuring employers must be calculated using the imputed annual standard premium relating to business operations in the State that each selfinsurer would have paid during the previous calendar vear pursuant to manual rates established by the principal rating organization in the State and using the experience rating procedure approved by the Superintendent of Insurance for that self-insurer. The assessment must be applied to the budget of the bureau for the fiscal year commencing July 1st. The assessment must be in an amount not exceeding 1/10 11/100 of 1% of the imputed annual standard premium. When the superintendent calculates the amount of the annual assessment, the superintendent shall may consider, among other things, the staffing level required to administer workers' compensation self-insurance oversight responsibilities of the bureau.

Sec. 41. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Insurance		
Positions Personal Services All Other Provides funding for continuation of one Managing Insurance Examiner position and one Senior Rate Analyst position; and provides funding for reclassification of one Staff Attorney position to Senior Staff Attorney position to Senior Staff Attorney position to Senior Staff Attorney position to Assistant Company Examiner position and one part-time Market Conduct Examiner position to a full- time Market Conduct Examiner position.	(2.0) \$124,000 4,000	(2.0) \$130,000 4,000
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION TOTAL	\$128,000	\$134,000

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

Effective June 11, 1993.

### **CHAPTER 314**

### H.P. 816 - L.D. 1102

#### An Act Related to Suppliers of Compressed Air for Breathing

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1582, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Tester of compressed air. "Tester of compressed air" means any organization, agency, individual, firm, partnership or corporation that is recognized by the department as qualified to inspect and test suppliers of compressed air.

#### Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1583-A is enacted to read:

#### §1583-A. Inspections

1. Satisfactory inspection. To be eligible for an initial or renewal license, a supplier of compressed air must provide certification from a tester of compressed air based on an inspection in the 6 months prior to application that the compressor equipment, air quality and compressor filling procedures are in compliance with rules of the department.

2. Unsatisfactory inspection. If any aspect of the supplier operation fails to meet department standards, the tester of compressed air shall notify the department of the nature of the deficiencies. The department shall evaluate the deficiencies and determine appropriate licensing action.

If the air provided by a supplier of compressed air exceeds the maximum permissible amount of any contaminant, the tester of compressed air shall notify the supplier that operations must cease and the supplier shall immediately cease operation until the reason is determined, corrections made and a retest conducted to confirm that the contaminant no longer exceeds the maximum permissible amount. The department shall take action to see that the supplier is not operating while this condition exists.

See title page for effective date.