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LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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> J.S. McCarthy Company Augusta, Maine 1993

C. Forty-six times the weekly benefit amount that was payable to the individual under Title 26, chapter 13 for a week of total unemployment in the applicable benefit year, reduced by the total amount of regular benefits that were paid, or deemed paid, to the individual under Title 26, chapter 13 with respect to the benefit year.

For purposes of this section, the term "high unemployment period" means any period during which an extended benefit period would be in effect if section 2 of this Act were applied with "8%" substituted for "6.5%."

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

Effective March 14, 1994.

CHAPTER 529

H.P. 1300 - L.D. 1755

An Act to Modify the End Disposal of Sharp Waste Products in the Biohazard Disposal Law

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1319-O, sub-§3, ¶E is enacted to read:

- E. The rules must provide transportation and disposal options for persons who generate fewer than 50 pounds of sharps per month that allow:
 - (1) The generator or an employee of the generator to transport properly packaged sharps to a licensed biomedical waste disposal facility or another medical facility that has volunteered to serve as a collection point for sharps if no more than 50 pounds of sharps are transported in one trip; and
 - (2) The generator to mail properly packaged sharps to a licensed biomedical waste disposal facility in this State or a facility in another state if the carrier accepts those items and no more than 50 pounds are transported in any single package.

For purposes of this paragraph, "sharps" means items that may cause puncture wounds or cuts, including hypodermic needles, syringes, scalpel blades, capillary tubes and lancets, and "properly packaged" means packaged in accordance with department rules and rules or requirements imposed by the mail carrier.

Sec. 2. Department assistance. The Department of Environmental Protection shall work with generators of small quantities of hypodermic needles and other sharps to clarify and expand disposal options. The department shall meet with interested parties no later than September 15, 1994 to explain currently available disposal methods, to elicit information on problems generators experience under current conditions and to explore ways to expand disposal options. The department shall report the results of its efforts to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environmental matters no later than January 15, 1995.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 530

H.P. 1290 - L.D. 1738

An Act to Repeal Sanctions against Businesses Doing Business in South Africa

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1951, as amended by PL 1991, c. 514, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §§1952 and 1953, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 247, §4, are repealed.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1954, as amended by PL 1991, c. 514, §2, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 531

S.P. 644 - L.D. 1803

An Act to Allow the Dissolution of the Maine Capital Corporation

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §955, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 700, §4, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.