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CHAPTER 52

H.P. 650 - L.D. 903

An Act to Maintain the Department of Transportation's Current Policy on Reimbursement of Consultant Costs

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §52, as amended by PL 1973, c. 625, §128, is further amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read:

In order to promote engineering and design quality and ensure maximum competition by firms providing consultant services, the department may adopt its own guidelines for determining the reasonableness and permissibility of various cost factors including, but not limited to, salary limits, benefits and expense reimbursement. Notwithstanding any other federal or state law to the contrary, the department's guidelines must be utilized in lieu of federally mandated provisions.

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CHAPTER 53

H.P. 237 - L.D. 301

An Act to Provide Representation for Dentists on the Board of the Maine Health Data Organization

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8703, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 653, Pt. A, §2 and affected by §7, is amended to read:

2. Board of directors. The organization operates under the supervision of a board of directors, which consists of $\frac{15}{16}$ voting members.

A. The Governor shall appoint $13 \ 14$ board members in accordance with the following requirements. Appointments by the Governor are not subject to review or confirmation.

(1) Three members must represent consumers. For the purposes of this section, "consumer" means a person who is not affiliated with or employed by a 3rd-party payor, a provider or an association representing those providers or those 3rd-party payors.

(2) Two members must represent employers.

(3) Two members must represent 3rd-party payors.

(4) Six Seven members must represent providers. Two provider members must represent hospitals chosen from a list of at least 5 current hospital representatives provided by the Maine Hospital Association. Two provider members must be physicians or representatives of physicians chosen from a list of at least 5 nominees provided jointly by the Maine Medical Association and the Maine Osteopathic Association. One provider member must be a dentist chosen from a list of at least 3 nominees provided by the Maine Dental Association. Two provider members must be representatives of other health care providers, at least one of whom is a current representative of a home health care company.

B. The commissioner shall appoint 2 members who are employees of the department to represent the State's interest in maintaining health data and to ensure that information collected is available for determining public health policy.

C. All appointments must be completed by May 1, 1996.

Sec. 2. Appointment deadline. The appointment of the additional provider member pursuant to section 1 of this Act must be no later than October 15, 1997.

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CHAPTER 54

H.P. 70 - L.D. 95

An Act Concerning Prisoner Participation in Public Works Projects

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