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CHAPTER 197

H.P. 794 - L.D. 1082

An Act to Ensure Fair Pricing for Consumers of Health Care Services under Managed Care Plans

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2185 is enacted to read:

§2185. Calculation of health benefits based on actual cost

All health insurance policies, health maintenance organization plans and subscriber contracts or certificates of nonprofit hospital or medical service organizations with respect to which the insurer or organization has negotiated discounts with providers must provide for the calculation of all covered health benefits, including without limitation all coinsurance, deductibles and lifetime maximum benefits, on the basis of the net negotiated cost and must fully reflect any discounts or differentials from charges otherwise applicable to the services provided. With respect to policies or plans involving risk-sharing compensation arrangements, net negotiated costs may be calculated at the time services are rendered on the basis of reasonably anticipated compensation levels and are not subject to retrospective adjustment at the time a cost settlement between a provider and the insurer or organization is finalized.

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CHAPTER 198

H.P. 511 - L.D. 702

An Act to Amend the Penobscot County Budget Committee Process

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §900-F, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 682, §1, is amended to read:

2. Municipal official. "Municipal ~~officials~~ official" means any elected ~~member~~ councilor or selectman of a municipal government in Penobscot County.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §900-I, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 682, §1, is amended to read:

1. Public hearing. The Penobscot County commissioners shall hold one or more public hearings on the budget at times convenient for the residents of

the county and before ~~November~~ December 1st of each year.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 199

S.P. 183 - L.D. 601

An Act to Provide Municipal Notification of Utility Services

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4406, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. A, §45 and Pt. C, §10, is amended to read:

3. Utility installation. ~~No~~ A public utility, water district, sanitary district or any utility company of any kind may not install services to any lot or dwelling unit in a subdivision, unless written authorization attesting to the validity and currency of all local permits required under this chapter has been issued by the appropriate municipal officials. ~~Following installation of service, the company or district shall forward the written authorization to the municipal officials indicating that installation has been completed or other written arrangements have been made between the municipal officers and the utility.~~

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §444, 3rd ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c. 737, Pt. A, §112, is further amended to read:

~~No~~ A public utility, water district, sanitary district or any utility company of any kind may not install services to any new structure located in a shoreland area, as defined by section 435, unless written authorization attesting to the validity and currency of all local permits required under this chapter has been issued by the appropriate municipal officials. ~~Following installation of service, the company or district shall forward the written authorization to the municipal officials indicating that installation has been completed or other written arrangements have been made between the municipal officers and the utility.~~

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CHAPTER 200

S.P. 303 - L.D. 1011

An Act to Ensure the Accurate Collection of Excise Tax on New Motor Vehicles