

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1997**

examination of the competitiveness of the Medicare supplement and nongroup lines of insurance; the impact, if any, of managed care on nonprofit hospital and medical service organization and health insurance rates for these lines; the impact, if any, of 1997 statutory changes affecting the rates of these lines; and the continued need for review of rate filings for these lines. By January 1, 2001, the Bureau of Insurance shall submit a report of the study, including recommendations and any necessary legislation regarding whether these statutes should be amended, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance matters.

**Sec. 13. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

**1997-98**

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Bureau of Insurance**

All Other	\$85,200
Allocates funds for the costs of retaining certain consultants needed to conduct a required study.	

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**CHAPTER 345**

**H.P. 870 - L.D. 1187**

**An Act to Improve the Transition of People with Disabilities from Children's to Adult Services**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §7258** is enacted to read:

**§7258. Transition to adult services**

**1. Attendance at pupil evaluation team meetings.** Annually, representatives from appropriate state service agencies, as determined by the pupil evaluation team of the school administrative unit, and in accordance with special education rules, shall designate a transition contact person to participate in transition planning for students with disabilities. The transition contact person shall attend pupil evaluation team meetings or provide relevant information to the

pupil evaluation team for transition planning purposes. This requirement applies to students with disabilities who have attained 16 years of age, or 14 years of age when determined by the pupil evaluation team to be appropriate.

**2. Documentation.** Annually, the transition planning team shall complete documentation that estimates the amount and type of anticipated services the pupil will require upon aging out or graduation and submit this annual documentation to the Department of Education. The department shall transmit the data to the appropriate state service agency.

**3. Budget.** State service agencies shall show evidence of having used the documentation completed pursuant to subsection 2 to develop their biennial budget beginning with the biennium ending June 30, 1999.

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**CHAPTER 346**

**H.P. 9 - L.D. 6**

**An Act to Allow Certain County and Municipal Officials to Serve on the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission and the Board of Environmental Protection**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §683, first ¶,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 3, §2, is further amended to read:

The Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, as established by Title 5, section 12004-D, subsection 1 to carry out the purposes stated in section 681, is created within the Department of Conservation, and in this chapter called the "commission." The commission is charged with implementing this chapter in all of the unorganized and deorganized areas of the State. The commission consists of 7 public members, none of whom may be state employees, who must be appointed by the Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over conservation matters and to confirmation by the Legislature, for staggered 4-year terms. Among the public members, there must be 4 who must be knowledgeable in at least one of each of the following areas: commerce and industry; fisheries and wildlife; forestry; and conservation. Of the potential appointees to the commission, the Governor shall actively seek and give consideration to persons residing in or near the unorganized areas of the State and to persons residing on unorganized coastal islands. At least 2 members must be residents within