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

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

Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §358-A, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Rehabilitation data. The board shall develop a system for collecting rehabilitation data and provide any reports considered necessary for the improved function and administration of rehabilitation under this Act.

Sec. 2. Report. The Workers' Compensation Board shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters by January 15, 1999. The report must include an analysis of the progress being made toward developing a system for collecting rehabilitation data pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 358-A, subsection 5, an evaluation of the different definitions of rehabilitation currently in use, a proposal for a uniform definition of rehabilitation, an evaluation of rehabilitation education and outreach among employers and employees and a specific plan to address problems identified as a result of the analysis and evaluation.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 650

H.P. 1401 - L.D. 1953

**An Act to Implement the
Recommendations of the Maine
Indian Tribal-State Commission
Relating to the Names of Geographic
Features in Passamaquoddy
Territory**

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA c. 28 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 28

NAMES OF GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES

§1501. Name changes by Passamaquoddy Tribe

When the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe changes the name of a geographic feature within its Indian territory, the State shall assist the Passamaquoddy Tribe in notifying the necessary entities, including the United States Board on Geo-

graphic Names, to accomplish the name change in official maps and documents.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 651

S.P. 706 - L.D. 1954

**An Act to Amend the Laws of the
Maine State Retirement System**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, current law prescribing the membership of the Early Retirement Incentives Panel creates a hardship for members of the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System who may serve on the panel; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this legislation is necessary to address the situation; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §805, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 507, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §1305, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 853, Pt. C, §§15 and 18, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §17103, sub-§11, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. L, §§19 to 21, is further amended to read:

11. Report to Legislature. The board shall make a written report to the appropriate legislative committee on or before the ~~15th of January~~ March 1st of each year ~~which shall~~ that must contain:

A. A discussion of any areas of policy or administration ~~which that~~, in the opinion of the board, should be brought to the attention of the committee;

B. Any proposed legislation amending the retirement system law ~~which that~~ the board recommends to improve the retirement system;