

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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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**  
**1999**

contracted vessels. These ferry routes are designated as the "Maine State Ferry Service." During periods of facility repair or maintenance or during periods of extraordinary demand, the department may carry out its responsibilities by utilizing privately contracted vessels to provide additional or substitute service to islands served by the Maine State Ferry Service as long as the use of privately contracted vessels is in accordance with an agreement between the department and the State's collective bargaining agent as defined in Title 26, section 979-A, subsection 1.

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

Effective March 19, 1999.

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## CHAPTER 21

S.P. 260 - L.D. 755

### An Act Regarding the Assignment of Insurance Benefits for Dental Care

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

**Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2332-H**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 604, Pt. E, §1, is amended to read:

#### §2332-H. Assignment of benefits

All contracts providing benefits for medical or dental care on an expense-incurred basis must contain a provision permitting the insured to assign benefits for such care to the provider of the care. An assignment of benefits under this section does not affect or limit the payment of benefits otherwise payable under the contract.

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2755**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 604, Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

#### §2755. Assignment of benefits

All policies providing benefits for medical or dental care on an expense-incurred basis must contain a provision permitting the insured to assign benefits for such care to the provider of the care. An assignment of benefits under this section does not affect or limit the payment of benefits otherwise payable under the policy.

**Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2827-A**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 604, Pt. E, §3, is amended to read:

#### §2827-A. Assignment of benefits

All policies and certificates providing benefits for medical or dental care on an expense-incurred

basis must contain a provision permitting the insured to assign benefits for such care to the provider of the care. An assignment of benefits under this section does not affect or limit the payment of benefits otherwise payable under the policy or certificate.

**Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §4207-A, sub-§5-A**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 604, Pt. E, §4, is amended to read:

**5-A. Assignment of benefits.** All point-of-service contracts and certificates must contain a provision permitting the insured to assign any benefits provided for medical or dental care on an expense-incurred basis to the provider of the care. An assignment of benefits under this subsection does not affect or limit the payment of benefits otherwise payable under the contract or certificate.

See title page for effective date.

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## CHAPTER 22

H.P. 353 - L.D. 469

### An Act Concerning the Requirement for Surety Bonds for County Treasurers, Sheriffs and Chief Deputies

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §153**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

#### §153. Bond required

The person elected under section 152 and accepting the office of county treasurer shall give bond to the county for the faithful discharge of duties in the sum ordered by the commissioners and with such sureties as they approve in writing on the bond. Surety and fidelity insurance coverage provided by a public sector self-funded risk pool organized pursuant to section 2253 in the sum ordered by the commissioners is deemed to comply with the requirements of this section.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §161**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

#### §161. Deputy treasurers; duties

Each county treasurer may appoint a deputy treasurer for ~~the~~ that treasurer's county, subject to the requirements of section 501. The deputy treasurer shall assist the treasurer in performing the duties of the