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compensation, except elected positions in municipal or county government.

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

Effective May 31, 2001.

CHAPTER 341

H.P. 573 - L.D. 728

An Act to Ensure Continued Health Insurance Coverage for the Spouse and Dependents of a Teacher or State Employee who Dies

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Coverage under group health insurance plan for spouse and dependents after death of state employee. If the spouse or other dependents of an employee in any of the categories denominated in subsection 1, paragraphs A to F-5 are covered by the group health plan and the employee dies while employed in that capacity, the spouse or dependent must have the opportunity to continue coverage under the plan after the death of the employee by making the premium payment for the cost of that coverage. In the case of underage dependent children, coverage must be available at least until the dependent children reach 19 years of age.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§5-C is enacted to read:

5-C. Coverage under group health insurance plan for spouse and dependents after death of teacher. If the spouse or other dependents of a teacher as defined in Title 5, section 17001, subsection 42 are covered by a policy of group health insurance provided by the school board and the teacher dies while employed by the board, the board shall provide an opportunity for the spouse or dependent to continue coverage under the group policy after the death of the teacher by making the premium payment for the cost of that coverage. In the case of underage dependent children of the teacher, coverage must be provided at least until the dependent children reach 19 years of age.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 342

H.P. 407 - L.D. 528

An Act to Amend the Beano and Games of Chance Laws

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §311, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

1-B. Chief of State Police. "Chief of the State Police" or "chief" means the Chief of the State Police or the chief's designee.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §317-A, as amended by PL 1999, c. 74, §3, is further amended to read:

§317-A. Investigations; actions on licenses

1. Chief of State Police. The Chief of the State Police may:

A. Investigate all aspects of this chapter including the direct and indirect ownership or control of any licenses or commercial beano hall permits;

B. Suspend ~~or~~, revoke or refuse to issue a license, after notice of the opportunity for a hearing, if the applicant, applicant's agent or employee, licensee or the licensee's agent or employee violates a provision of this chapter or Title 17-A, chapter 39 or fails to meet the statutory requirements for licensure pursuant to this chapter;

C. Immediately suspend or revoke a license if there is probable cause to believe that the licensee or the licensee's agent or employee violated a provision of Title 17-A, chapter 39;

D. Suspend or revoke a commercial beano hall permit, after notice of the opportunity for hearing, if a permittee or permittee's employee commits murder or a Class A, B or C crime or violates a provision of this chapter or Title 17-A, chapter 15, 29, 37 or 39; ~~and~~

E. Immediately suspend or revoke a commercial beano hall permit if there is probable cause to believe that the permittee or the permittee's employee committed murder or a Class A, B or C crime or violated a provision of Title 17-A, chapter 15, 29, 37 or 39; and

F. Issue a subpoena in the name of the State Police in accordance with Title 5, section 9060, except that this authority applies to any stage of an investigation under this chapter and is not limited