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Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1118 is enacted to read:

§1118. Illegal importation of scheduled drugs

1. A person is guilty of illegal importation of scheduled drugs if the person intentionally or knowingly brings, carries or transports a scheduled drug other than marijuana into the State from another state or country, unless the person is authorized to import or to possess the scheduled drug under Title 22 or Title 32 or under any law of the United States, of another state or of a foreign country.

2. A violation of this section is:

A. A Class C crime if the drug is a schedule W drug; and

B. A Class D crime if the drug is a schedule X, Y or Z drug.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 429

S.P. 588 - L.D. 1764

An Act to Amend the Crime of Endangering the Welfare of a Child

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §554, sub-§1, ¶B-1, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. C, §4 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

B-1. Being the parent, foster parent, guardian or other person having the care and custody of the child, cruelly treats that child by abuse, neglect or extreme punishment; or

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §554, sub-§1, ¶B-2 is enacted to read:

B-2. Being a parent, foster parent, guardian or other person responsible for the long-term general care and welfare of a child under 16, recklessly fails to take reasonable measures to protect the child from the risk of further bodily injury after knowing:

(1) That the child had, in fact, sustained serious bodily injury or bodily injury under circumstances posing a substantial risk of serious bodily injury; and

(2) That such bodily injury was, in fact, caused by the unlawful use of physical force by another person; or

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §554, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:

3. Endangering the welfare of a child is a Class D crime, except that a violation of subsection 1, paragraph B-2 is a Class C crime.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 430

H.P. 1013 - L.D. 1350

An Act to Amend the Laws Governed by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1002, sub-§1, ¶¶A and C, as repealed and replaced by IB 1995, c. 1, §1, are amended to read:

~~A. By March 31, 1997, and as needed after that date~~ As needed, the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Senate Minority Leader, the Speaker of the House and the House Minority Leader shall jointly establish and publish a nomination period during which members of the public, groups and organizations may nominate qualified individuals to the Governor for appointment to the commission. ~~The initial nomination period must close by May 1, 1997.~~

~~C. Two initial appointees are appointed for 1-year terms, two are appointed for 2-year terms and one is appointed for a 3-year term according to a random lot drawing under the supervision of the Secretary of State. Subsequent appointees~~ Appointees are appointed to serve 4-year terms. A person may not serve more than 2 terms.

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §1004, as amended by PL 1977, c. 252, §1, is further amended to read:

§1004. Meetings

~~The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall jointly call an organizational meeting of the commission within 10 days after the members have taken their oaths of office. Thereafter, the~~ The commission shall meet on the call of the ~~Secretary of State or of the~~ Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate to perform the duties required of it or as specifically provided in this chapter. The commission shall also meet at other times at the call of the ~~chairman~~ chair or at the call of a majority of the members, provided all members are notified of the