

# 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**  
**2002**

The authority may lease, sell or transfer property or interests in property to a local development corporation or other entity determined by the trustees to be eligible to take ownership and possession of the property or interests in property to accomplish the readjustment or reuse of the facilities.

**§13083-E. Termination of authority**

The authority is not dissolved until it is terminated by the Legislature.

**§13083-F. Annual report**

**1. Annual report.** The authority shall submit to the Governor, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters, not later than 120 days after the close of the authority's fiscal year, a complete report on the activities of the authority. The report may also be provided to any other member of the Legislature and to any other person. The report must include for the previous year:

- A. A description of the authority's operations and activities;
- B. An accounting of the authority's receipts and expenditures and assets and liabilities at the end of its fiscal year;
- C. A listing of all property transactions pursuant to section 13083-D;
- D. A statement of the authority's proposed and projected activities for the ensuing year; and
- E. Recommendations regarding further actions that may be suitable for achieving the purposes of this article.

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**CHAPTER 569**

**S.P. 217 - L.D. 782**

**An Act to Define Undisputed Claims for Covered Health Insurance Benefits**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2436, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A.** For purposes of this section, an "undisputed claim" means a timely claim for payment of covered health care expenses under a policy or certificate

providing health care coverage that is submitted to an insurer on the insurer's standard claim form using the most current published procedural codes with all the required fields completed with correct and complete information in accordance with the insurer's published claims filing requirements. This subsection applies only to a policy or certificate of a health plan as defined in section 4301-A, subsection 7.

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**CHAPTER 570**

**S.P. 622 - L.D. 1804**

**An Act to Improve the Accessibility and Affordability of Health Care Benefits in the State**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §6603, sub-§1, ¶¶B and D,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 688, §1, are amended to read:

B. ~~Must~~ Except for those associations meeting the criteria of subsection 1-A, must be established by a trade association, industry association, political subdivision of the State, religious organization or professional association of employers or professionals that has a constitution or bylaws and that has been organized and maintained in good faith for a continuous period of one year for purposes other than that of obtaining or providing insurance;

D. May not be offered, advertised or available to employers or other members of the public generally, except as allowed under subsection 1-A;

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §6603, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Eligibility based on geographic association.** To meet the requirements for approval and to maintain a multiple-employer welfare arrangement, an arrangement based on geographic association:

A. Must be established by an association with a principal office in a location within a 40-mile radius of the principal place of business of eligible employers;

B. Must permit eligibility for an employer that has employed an average of 100 or fewer full-time employees during the preceding calendar year, more of whom are employed in this State than any other state, and for an employer that is a licensed nonprofit hospital if the employer or