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facility lacks qualified staff to meet the level of care required for that person. A nursing facility is not subject to penalty or sanction for declining to admit a prospective resident under this subsection. Nothing in this subsection affects the obligation of a nursing facility to provide care specific to the needs of residents of the facility.

Sec. 2. Rulemaking. The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules regarding contracts for long-term care to ensure responsible financial management by persons who manage or have authority to manage or expend the assets and funds of residents of long-term care facilities. In developing the rules, the department shall consider allowing contracts to impose a clear duty on the part of a person to apply the funds of a resident in a responsible manner so that health care and long-term care expenses are paid to the extent possible and allowing mechanisms to promote payment of the resident's obligations in a timely manner. Mechanisms for payment may include but are not limited to direct deposit of funds, electronic transfer of funds and directed payment of Social Security benefits and other income of the resident. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 601

H.P. 1443 - L.D. 1940

An Act Regarding the Repatriation of Native American Remains

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2842-B, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 738, Pt. C, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§2842-B. Indian human remains

1. Transfer of remains. Except as provided in subsections 2 and 3, a person or entity who possesses any human remains identified as Indian human remains shall transfer the remains to the intertribal repatriation organization that is appointed by the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Penobscot Nation, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and Aroostook Band of Micmacs for reburial. The intertribal repatriation organization shall make reasonable inquiry to locate the next of kin of the deceased. If next of kin are located, the intertribal repatriation organization shall transfer the remains to the next of kin.

2. Medical Examiner cases. In cases within the jurisdiction of the Medical Examiner Act, the Chief Medical Examiner has authority over Indian human remains until the remains are no longer required for legal purposes. At that time, the Chief Medical Examiner shall make reasonable inquiry to locate the next of kin of the deceased. If next of kin are located, the Chief Medical Examiner shall release the remains to the next of kin of the deceased. If no next of kin are located, the remains must be released to the intertribal repatriation organization for reburial.

3. Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. Subsection 1 does not apply to any human remains or any person or entity subject to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 United States Code, Chapter 32.

4. Memorandum of understanding. The Chief Medical Examiner, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Maine State Museum shall enter into a memorandum of understanding concerning the disposition of human remains in the possession of the Chief Medical Examiner that are subject to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 602

H.P. 1458 - L.D. 1955

An Act to Allow Federal Law Enforcement Officers to Enforce Maine Statutes

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1502-A, sub-§1, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. Special Agents of the United States Secret Service of the Department of the Treasury. This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2004;

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §1502-A, sub-§5, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 423, §1, is amended to read:

B. The Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice, the United States Secret Service of the Department of the Treasury and the United States Customs Service of the Department of the Treasury shall develop policies governing their employees, including training policies. This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2004.

Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §1502-A, sub-§5, ¶B-1 is enacted to read: