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organization has not retained the equipment for the required period of 6 months;

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1813-A, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 418, §3, is amended to read:

C. "Qualifying nonprofit organization" means a public or private nonprofit entity that owns or operates a project or facility for the homeless or; a nonprofit organization that has been determined to be exempt from taxation under the United States Internal Revenue Code, Section 501 (c) and that provides services to persons with physical or mental handicaps as defined in section 4553, subsection 7-A; or a nonprofit organization that has been determined to be exempt from taxation under the United States Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c) and that contracts with the Department of Human Services to provide vehicles to low-income families to assist them in participating in work, education or training.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1813-A, sub-§2, as corrected by RR 2001, c. 2, Pt. A, §7, is amended to read:

2. Surplus property. Pursuant to this chapter and rules adopted under section 1813, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services through the Bureau of General Services shall allow private sales of surplus property to nonprofit organizations that contract with the Department of Human Services to provide affordable vehicles to low-income families to assist them in participating in work, education or training; to homeless shelter sponsors; and to educational institutions.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 38

H.P. 72 - L.D. 64

An Act to Reduce Workers' Compensation Costs for Self-insured Public Utilities

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

Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §403, sub-§8, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 224, §1, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (3-A) to read:

(3-A) An individual self-insurer that is a transmission and distribution utility as defined in Title 35-A, section 102, subsection 20-B with an investment grade credit rating

may reduce its required security level by up to \$10,000,000, as long as:

(a) The self-insured transmission and distribution utility has a tangible net worth equal to or in excess of \$200,000,000;

(b) The self-insured transmission and distribution utility has had positive net earnings demonstrated by certified statements of financial condition audited by a certified public accountant for at least 3 of the 5 latest fiscal years, including one of the 2 most recent years, and its mean annual earnings for the 5 latest fiscal years are at least equal to the normal annual premium for the prospective fiscal coverage period, or it was eligible to make an alternative election, under Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 106, Employers' Accounting for Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions, that would have otherwise satisfied these earnings requirements;

(c) The self-insured transmission and distribution utility has credit facility equal to or in excess of twice its outstanding workers' compensation liabilities; and

(d) The reduction does not exceed \$10,000,000 and does not reduce the minimum required security level below \$100,000.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 39

H.P. 537 - L.D. 731

An Act Regarding Case Management Officers

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §183, sub-§1, ¶¶D and E, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 269, §1 and affected by §2, are amended to read:

D. Family case management officers shall employ appropriate case management techniques and have jurisdiction to hear and dispose of the following matters: