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A. From December 1, 2003 to November 30, 2004, a person may not possess, ship, transport, buy or sell scallops that are less than 3 3/4 inches in the longest diameter.

B. On December 1, 2004 and thereafter, a person may not possess, ship, transport, buy or sell scallops that are less than 4 inches in the longest diameter.

2. Prima facie evidence. It is prima facie evidence of possession of illegal scallops if a vessel contains scallops less than the minimum shell size set by this section or the minimum shell size set by rules adopted pursuant to this section while a scallop boat license holder or crew member is shucking scallops.

3. Release of undersize scallops. Those scallops that are less than the minimum shell size established by this section or by rules adopted pursuant to this section must be immediately liberated into the waters from which they were taken.

4. Rules. After December 1, 2004, the commissioner may adopt rules to increase the minimum shell size set by this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

5. Violation. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation. The following penalties apply.

A. For the first offense, a fine of \$250 is imposed and all scallops on board may be seized.

B. For the 2nd and each subsequent offense, a fine of \$250 is imposed, all scallops on board may be seized and the scallop boat license may be suspended for one year.

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CHAPTER 64

S.P. 22 - L.D. 36

An Act to Protect the Privacy of Maine Nurses

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2109 is enacted to read:

<u>§2109. Confidentiality of personal information of</u> applicant or licensee

For applications for licensure and for renewal of licensure submitted on or after July 1, 2004, an applicant or licensee shall provide the board with a current professional address and telephone number, which is the public contact address, and a personal residence address and telephone number. An applicant's or licensee's personal residence address and telephone number, and e-mail address if provided by the applicant, are confidential information and may not be disclosed except as permitted by this section or as required by law unless the personal residence address, telephone number and e-mail address have been provided as the public contact address. Personal health information submitted as part of any application is confidential information and may not be disclosed except as permitted or required by law.

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CHAPTER 65

H.P. 426 - L.D. 563

An Act To Require That Mental Health Workers with LCPC Licenses Are Recognized as Licensed Professionals for Purposes of Insurance Reimbursement

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2744, as amended by PL 1995, c. 561, §2, is further amended to read:

§2744. Mental health services

1. Notwithstanding any provision of a health insurance policy subject to this chapter, whenever the policy provides for payment or reimbursement for services which that are within the lawful scope of practice of a psychologist licensed to practice in this State; a certified social worker licensed for the independent practice of social work in this State who has at least a masters degree in social work from an accredited educational institution, has been employed in social work for at least 2 years, and who, after January 1, 1985, must be licensed as a clinical social worker in this State;; a licensed clinical professional counselor licensed for the independent practice of counseling who has at least a masters degree in counseling from an accredited educational institution, has been employed in counseling for at least 2 years and, after January 1, 2002, must be licensed as a clinical professional counselor in this State, or a licensed nurse who is certified by the American Nurses' Association as a clinical specialist in adult psychiatric and mental health nursing or as a clinical specialist in child and adolescent psychiatric and mental health nursing, any person covered by the policy shall be is entitled to reimbursement for these services if the services are performed by a physician;