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administrative expenses, consulting fees and all other reasonable costs incurred to administer this Act. The board shall notify the chairs and members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters whenever the board receives approval from the State Budget Officer and the Governor to use reserve funds to increase its allotment above the allocation authorized by the Legislature. Any collected amounts or savings above the allowed reserve must be used to reduce the assessment for the following fiscal year. The board shall determine the assessments prior to May 1st and shall assess each insurance company or association and self-insured employer its pro rata share for expenditures during the fiscal year beginning July 1st. Each self-insured employer shall pay the assessment on or before June 1st. Each insurance company or association shall pay the assessment in accordance with subsection 3.

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CHAPTER 94

S.P. 320 - L.D. 979

An Act To Require Continuing Education for Professional Engineers

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1362 is enacted to read:

§1362. Continuing professional education

1. Requirement for renewal. Beginning with registrations that expire in December 2005, every person seeking renewal under section 1357 must provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the person has completed 30 continuing professional education hours within the period for which the registration was issued.

2. Failure to meet requirement. The board may not renew a registration to an applicant who fails to meet the continuing professional education requirements under subsection 1. If an applicant subsequently fulfills the requirement after the registration has expired, the board may renew the registration for the remainder of the 2-year period for which a renewal would have been valid but for the applicant's failure to meet the continuing professional education requirement.

3. Annual review; monitoring. The board shall annually review and monitor compliance with the continuing professional education requirement under subsection 1.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Engineers - Board of Registration for Professional

Initiative: Allocates funds for the costs associated with establishing a continuing education requirement.

Other Special Revenue Funds	2003-04	2004-05
All Other	\$18,000	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds		
Total	\$18,000	\$0

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CHAPTER 95

H.P. 711 - L.D. 954

An Act To Require Disclosure of the Amount and Duration of Unemployment Benefits to Recipients

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1191, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

10. Estimated benefit. Upon inquiry from an individual, the Department of Labor shall provide an estimate of the amount and duration of benefits likely to be paid to that individual under this chapter if the individual applied for benefits that day. If the inquiry is made within 2 weeks before the beginning of a calendar quarter, the Department of Labor shall also provide an estimate of the duration and amount of benefits likely to be paid to that individual if the individual applied for benefits after the beginning of that calendar quarter. Inquiries under this subsection may be made and answered over the telephone and are not considered applications for benefits.

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CHAPTER 96

H.P. 712 - L.D. 955

An Act To Allow Recipients To Withdraw from Receiving Unemployment Benefits by Phone and at Any Time before Receiving Benefits