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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1194, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

13. Voluntary withdrawal. A claimant who has filed a claim for benefits under this section may voluntarily withdraw that claim at any time before receiving the benefits. The commissioner shall treat a claimant who has withdrawn a claim under this subsection as not having filed the claim. A claimant may initiate the withdrawal of a claim under this subsection by way of telephone, but the Department of Labor may require a signed withdrawal authorization to verify the withdrawal. Cashing a benefit check relating to the claim is deemed to revoke any withdrawal of that claim.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 97

H.P. 614 - L.D. 837

An Act To Enhance Enforcement of Safety Zone Laws

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 360, §8, is amended to read:

9. Stationary authorized emergency vehicles. The operator of a vehicle passing a stationary authorized emergency vehicle using an emergency light, with due regard to the safety and traffic conditions, shall:

- A. Pass in a lane not adjacent to that of the authorized emergency vehicle, if possible; or
- B. If passing in a nonadjacent lane is impossible or unsafe, pass the emergency vehicle at a careful and prudent speed reasonable for passing the authorized emergency vehicle safely.

A violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction for which a minimum fine of \$250 must be adjudged.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 98

S.P. 300 - L.D. 904

An Act To Educate Consumers Regarding Voluntary Repossession

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

Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA §5-110, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. If a consumer credit transaction is secured by a motor vehicle, the notice must conform to the requirements of subsection 2, except that the following paragraph must be included between the penultimate paragraph and the final paragraph:

The rights we may exercise under law include repossession of the motor vehicle securing this debt. If the motor vehicle is repossessed, either involuntarily or voluntarily, it may be sold and you may owe the difference between the net proceeds from the sale and the remaining balance due under the contract.

This subsection applies only to notices sent on or after January 1, 2004.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 99

S.P. 116 - L.D. 334

An Act To Establish a Transportation Assistance Pilot Program

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §372, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. FF, §4, is further amended to read:

1. Creation of fund. There is established the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund, which must be used to provide funding for ~~adaptive equipment~~ loans to qualified borrowers within the State in order to acquire adaptive equipment designed to assist the borrower in becoming independent and for other purposes as allowed under section 376. The fund must be deposited with, maintained and administered by the Finance Authority of Maine and contain appropriations provided for that purpose, interest accrued on the fund balance, funds received by the board to be applied to the fund and funds received in repayment of loans. This fund is a nonlapsing revolving fund. All money in the fund must be continuously applied to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §376, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 817, §2, is amended to read: