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**Penmor Lithographers**  
**Lewiston, Maine**  
**2003**

as provided in section 702, ~~except as provided in subsection 2.~~

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 106

H.P. 317 - L.D. 409

### **An Act To Allow a Court To Order the Cancellation of a Life Insurance Policy as Part of a Protection from Abuse Proceeding**

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

**Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4007, sub-§1, ¶F-1** is enacted to read:

F-1. Ordering the termination of a life insurance policy or rider under that policy owned by the defendant if the plaintiff is the insured life under the policy or rider. Upon issuance, a copy of the court order must be sent to the insurer that issued the policy;

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## CHAPTER 107

H.P. 499 - L.D. 682

### **An Act To Change the Membership of the Plumbers' Examining Board To Include a Local Plumbing Inspector**

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

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3401, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 503, Pt. B, §140, is further amended to read:

~~A- The Plumbers' Examining Board, as established by Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection 32, shall consist~~ consists of 5 members, who shall be appointed by the Governor. One of the members shall must be a representative of the public, 2 shall must be master plumbers as defined in section 3301, and 2 shall one must be a journeyman plumbers plumber as defined in section 3301, both of whom have who has been engaged in the business of plumbing for at least 2 years and one must be a local plumbing inspector who has been engaged in plumbing inspections for at least 4 years and is employed by a municipality.

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect June 19, 2005.

Effective June 19, 2005.

## CHAPTER 108

H.P. 331 - L.D. 423

### **An Act To Improve the Process of Credentialling Health Care Providers**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 163, §1, is further amended to read:

**2. Credentialling.** The credentialling of providers by a carrier ~~offering a managed care plan~~ is governed by this subsection.

A. The granting of credentials must be based on objective standards that are available to providers upon application for credentialling. A carrier shall consult with appropriately qualified health care professionals in developing its credentialling standards.

B. All credentialling decisions, including those granting, denying or withdrawing credentials, must be in writing. The provider must be provided with all reasons for the denial of an application for credentialling or the withdrawal of credentials. A withdrawal of credentials must be treated as a provider termination and is subject to the requirements of subsection 3-A.

C. A carrier shall establish and maintain an appeal procedure, including the provider's right to a hearing, for dealing with provider concerns relating to the denial of credentialling for not meeting the objective credentialling standards of the plan and the contractual relationship between the carrier and the provider. The superintendent shall determine whether the process provided by a carrier is fair and reasonable. This procedure must be specified in every contract between a carrier and a provider or between a carrier and a provider network if a carrier does not contract with providers individually.

D. A carrier shall make credentialling decisions, including those granting or denying credentials, within 60 days of receipt of a completed credentialling application from a provider. The time period for granting or denying credentials may be extended upon written notification from the carrier within 60 days following submission of a