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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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months, including, but not limited to, cancer requiring chemotherapy or radiation treatments or kidney disease requiring dialysis treatments.

2. Eligibility. Residents of the island communities served by the Maine State Ferry Service are eligible for free transportation services when traveling to and from regularly scheduled, medically necessary appointments with medical care providers if those appointments pertain to a catastrophic illness. Free transportation services under this section are not available for routine visits to medical care providers or to meet transportation needs arising from an emergency, medical or otherwise. Free transportation services under this section are available only upon approved application. Reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to application for services pursuant to this section is prohibited.

3. Rulemaking authorized. The Maine State Ferry Service may, pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, adopt rules necessary to interpret and administer this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The ferry service also may develop, adopt, use and from time to time amend forms for use in connection with the administration of this section. The development, adoption, use and amendment of these forms is exempt from the rule-making process.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective February 21, 2006.

CHAPTER 473

S.P. 669 - L.D. 1752

An Act Regarding Licensure Requirements for Nurses

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2205-A, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 361, §2, is amended to read:

B. Has been duly licensed by examination by the nursing board of a state or territory of the United States or a province of Canada, provided that the examination is considered by the board to be equivalent in all essentials to Maine's examination and provided that the license of the applicant is in good standing and that there is no cause for suspension or revocation of that license. Acceptable examinations include the State Board Examination, State Board Test Pool Examination,

the National Council Licensure Examination and, for a person licensed prior to December 31, 2006, the Canadian Nurses' Association Testing Service Examination; and

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2254-A, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 361, §4, is amended to read:

B. Has been duly licensed by examination by the nursing board of a state or territory of the United States or a province of Canada, provided that the examination is considered by the board to be equivalent in all essentials to Maine's examination and provided that the license of the applicant is in good standing and that there is no cause for suspension or revocation of that license. Acceptable examinations include the State Board Test Pool Examination, the National Council Licensure Examination and, for a person licensed prior to December 31, 2006, the Canadian Nurses' Association Testing Service Examination; and

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 474

S.P. 673 - L.D. 1756

An Act To Address Emergency Licensure Procedures

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §8003, sub-§5, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any bureau, office, board or commission within or affiliated with the department may issue a temporary license for a period of 6 months and waive all licensing requirements, except for fees, to any applicant upon a showing of current, valid licensure in that profession in another state.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 475

S.P. 721 - L.D. 1804

An Act To Amend the Debt Collection Law

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