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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

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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:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §11002, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1999, c. 184, §20, is further amended to read:

6. Debt collector. "Debt collector" means any person conducting business in this State, the principal purpose of which is the collection of any debts, or who regularly collects or attempts to collect, directly or indirectly, debts owed or due or asserted to be owed or due another. "Debt collector" includes persons who furnish collection systems carrying a name that simulates the name of a debt collector and who supply forms or form letters to be used by the creditor even though the forms direct the debtor to make payments directly to the creditor. Notwithstanding the exclusion provided by section 11003, subsection 7, "debt collector" includes any creditor who, in the process of collecting the creditor's own debts, uses any name other than the creditor's that would indicate that a 3rd person is collecting or attempting to collect these debts. ~~For purposes of subchapter II, "debt collector"~~ includes any attorney-at-law whose principal activities include collecting debts as an attorney on behalf of and in the name of clients, except that any such attorney licensed to practice law in this State is subject exclusively to subchapter 2 and any such attorney not licensed to practice law in this State is subject to this entire chapter. "Debt collector" also includes any person regularly engaged in the enforcement of security interests securing debts. "Debt collector" does not include any person who retrieves collateral when a consumer has voluntarily surrendered possession. A person is regularly engaged in the enforcement of security interests if that person enforced security interests more than 5 times in the previous calendar year. If a person does not meet these numerical standards for the previous calendar year, the numerical standards must be applied to the current calendar year.

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CHAPTER 476

H.P. 1212 - L.D. 1705

An Act To Require That Automobile Extended Service Warranties Purchased by Maine Citizens Provide for Arbitration in the State

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1471, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Extended service warranty. "Extended service warranty" means a service contract, not a

warranty as that term is used in Title 11, Article 2, that promises service in exchange for a fee and may also be referred to as "extended service contract."

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1471, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 770, §57, is amended to read:

8. Warranty. ~~"Warranty" shall have~~ Except as otherwise provided in this section, "warranty" has the same meaning in this chapter as in Title 11, Article 2, and shall include includes any expression or affirmation of a dealer's willingness or ability to repair the vehicle, or make it conform to other affirmations or expressions of its qualities, communicated in any manner to a purchaser at or before the agreement to sell.

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1475, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Extended service warranty arbitration location. An extended service warranty that was sold in this State for a motor vehicle registered in this State that includes a clause indicating that arbitration is required must require the location of the arbitration to be in this State.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 477

S.P. 740 - L.D. 1939

An Act To Revise Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the provisions of this legislation must take effect immediately to ensure the proper management of Maine's fish and wildlife resources; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §959, sub-§1, ¶G, as amended by PL 2003, c. 600, §1, is further amended to read:

G. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and