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B. Discharge, fine, suspend, expel, discipline or in any other manner discriminate against any employee who exercises any right provided under this section; or

C. Discharge, fine, suspend, expel, discipline or in any other manner discriminate against any employee for opposing any practice made unlawful by this section.

8. Enforcement. An employee may bring a civil action in Superior Court to enforce this section. The court may enjoin any act or practice that violates or may violate this section and may order any other equitable relief that is necessary and appropriate to redress the violation or to enforce this section.

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

Effective April 3, 2006.

CHAPTER 524

H.P. 1339 - L.D. 1898

An Act To Protect the Employment Rights of Military Reserve and National Guard Personnel

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §811, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2001, c. 662, §11, is further amended to read:

3. Reinstatement. Any person who is in compliance with subsection 2 and is still qualified to perform the duties of such position must be reinstated at the same pay, seniority, benefits and status and receive any other incidences of advantages of employment as if the person had remained continuously employed. The period of absence must be construed as an absence with leave; and, within the discretion of the employer, the leave may be with pay. The employer may not require any person returning from a period of military service to report back to work:

A. For periods of military service of 3 days or less, until the completion of the period of service and the expiration of 24 hours after a period allowing for the safe transportation of the person from the place of that service to the person's residence;

<u>B.</u> For periods of military service of more than 3 days but not more than 15 days, until the completion of the period of service and the expiration of 48 hours after a period allowing for the safe transportation of the person from the place of that service to the person's residence;

C. For periods of military service of more than 15 days but not more than 30 days, until the completion of the period of service and the expiration of 72 hours after a period allowing for the safe transportation of the person from the place of that service to the person's residence;

D. For periods of military service of more than 30 days but not more than 180 days, until the completion of the period of service and the expiration of 14 days after a period allowing for the safe transportation of the person from the place of that service to the person's residence; or

E. For periods of military service of more than 180 days, until the completion of the period of service and the expiration of 90 days after a period allowing for the safe transportation of the person from the place of that service to the person's residence.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 525

H.P. 1448 - L.D. 2054

An Act To Establish Harbor Master Training Requirements

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1-A is enacted to read:

<u>§1-A. Training</u>

The following provisions govern the training of harbor masters and deputy harbor masters appointed pursuant to section 1 or 2.

1. Basic training course. A person appointed or reappointed a harbor master or a deputy harbor master after August 31, 2006 must complete a basic harbor master training course offered by a statewide harbor masters association within one year after being appointed or reappointed unless that person has previously completed such a course. The person appointed or reappointed a harbor master or deputy harbor master shall pay the cost of the training required under this subsection.

2. Reimbursement. Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit a municipality, at its sole discretion, from reimbursing a harbor master or deputy