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CHAPTER 18**H.P. 903 - L.D. 1306****An Act To Authorize the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Develop a Model for Registration of Home Building and Improvement Contractors**

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

Sec. 1. Registry for home building and improvement contractors. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation is authorized to work in consultation with the Attorney General, home building and improvement industry representatives and appropriate stakeholders to develop a model registration process for home building and improvement contractors that includes the development of a model contract, suggestions for the threshold requirements for registration, a process for receiving complaints and disclosing them to consumers and fee recommendations.

Sec. 2. Reporting date established. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation shall report its findings concerning the registration process in section 1, including any proposed legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development by February 1, 2006.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 19**S.P. 392 - L.D. 1128****An Act Directing the State Planning Office To Study Municipal Capabilities To Become Providers of Internet Services**

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

Sec. 1. Study and report of municipal capabilities to become providers of Internet services. The Executive Department, State Planning Office, in conjunction with the Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Economic and Community Development, shall study the following: the technology available for creating wireless Internet access throughout rural and urban municipalities in the State and its estimated cost; the various funding resources and strategic partnerships that may be available to municipalities to deliver wireless Internet services to their communities; and the long-term

educational and economic benefits that could be derived from municipalities' becoming Internet service providers and the benefits to the State. The State Planning Office shall submit a report on its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy no later than September 12, 2006. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over telecommunications matters may report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature in response to the report.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 20**H.P. 105 - L.D. 129****An Act To Plan for a Pilot Program for Distributing Unopened Medicines and Medical Supplies**

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

Sec. 1. Pilot program. The Department of Health and Human Services shall begin planning for a pilot program for distributing unopened medicines and medical supplies that are not needed by the person for whom they were purchased. In designing the pilot program the department shall consider the following: availability of unopened medicines and medical supplies that are not needed by the person for whom they were purchased; the unmet need for those medicines and medical supplies; methods for safe and appropriate distribution to persons who need those medicines and medical supplies; and possible funding through grants and other sources. In designing the program the department shall consult with the Office of the Attorney General, appropriate health care licensing boards, representatives of health care facilities, health care providers, health clinics and health centers, consumer advocates and associations representing pharmaceutical manufacturers and pharmacies. In designing the program the department shall consider liability protection for manufacturers, pharmacies, pharmacists and other health care providers and health care facilities that participate in the program. Prior to beginning operation of the pilot program, the department shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding plans for the pilot program and the medical, financial and legal implications of those plans.

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