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- (1) The public shall must be given an adequate opportunity to be heard in the preparation of a comprehensive plan;
- C. Coordinate with state and federal planning and development programs; and
- D. Provide planning assistance and advisory services to municipalities: and
- E. Provide programs and services to municipalities.

Sec. 6. 30-A MRSA §2324, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

The minutes of the proceedings of the commission shall <u>must</u> be filed in the commission's office. These minutes are a public record. Copies shall be provided to the municipal officers and planning board of each member municipality. Copies of the minutes must be posted on a publicly accessible site on the Internet and be provided to the municipal officers and the planning board of each member municipality upon request.

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CHAPTER 216 S.P. 620 - L.D. 1753

An Act Regarding Health Insurance Coverage for Persons under the Influence of Alcohol or Narcotics

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2728, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§2728. Intoxicants and narcotics

1. Intoxicants; narcotics. A policy under this chapter may not include the following provision:

"Intoxicants and narcotics. The insurer is not liable for any loss sustained or contracted in consequence of the insured's being intoxicated or under the influence of any narcotic or of any hallucinogenic drug, unless administered on the advice of a physician."

2. Exemption. This section does not apply to the following types of insurance or any combination of the following types of insurance: accidental injury, specified disease, hospital indemnity, dental, vision, disability income, long-term care, Medicare supplement or other limited benefit health insurance.

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CHAPTER 217 S.P. 652 - L.D. 1834

An Act To Authorize the Use of Timber Harvesting Revenues for Land Management

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

- **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA \$12701, sub-\$2,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, \$2 and as affected by c. 614, \$9, is amended to read:
- 2. Natural products. The commissioner may harvest and sell natural products of the land from land owned by the department and, if the land was purchased with federal aid funds, use the resulting revenue for land management, in accordance with federal aid guidelines.
- **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA** §3203, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is repealed.

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CHAPTER 218 H.P. 1297 - L.D. 1861

An Act Regarding Payment of Penalties for Nonpayment of Bills for Medical or Health Care Services under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992

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

- **Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §205, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. A, §8 and as affected by §§9 to 11, is amended to read:
- 4. Payment of bills for medical or health care services. When there is no ongoing dispute, if medical bills for medical or health care services are not paid within 30 days after the carrier has received notice of nonpayment by certified mail from the provider of the medical or health care services or, if the bill was paid by the employee, from the employee who paid for the medical or health care services, \$50 or the amount of the bill due, whichever is less, must be added and paid to the Workers' Compensation Board Administrative Fund provider of the medical or health care services or, if the bill was paid by the employee, to the employee who paid for the medical or health care services or, if the bill was paid by the employee, to the