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gency medical services professionals and appointed by the Attorney General.

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CHAPTER 150 S.P. 129 - L.D. 365

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing MaineCare Estate Recovery Undertaken by the Department of Health and Human Services

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

Sec. 1. 18-A MRSA §2-401, as amended by PL 2001, c. 57, §1, is further amended to read:

§2-401. Homestead allowance

A surviving spouse of a decedent who was domiciled in this State is entitled to a homestead allowance of \$10,000. If there is no surviving spouse, each minor child and each dependent child of the decedent is entitled to a homestead allowance amounting to \$10,000 divided by the number of minor and dependent children of the decedent. The homestead allowance is exempt from and has priority over all claims against the estate. Homestead allowance is in addition to any share passing to the surviving spouse or minor or dependent child by the will of the decedent unless otherwise provided, by intestate succession or by way of elective share. The homestead allowance established by this section is the sole exemption available for a decedent's homestead.

Sec. 2. 18-A MRSA §2-405, as corrected by RR 2003, c. 1, §11, is amended to read:

§2-405. Estate property exempt

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, any ~~part of personal property included in the decedent's estate which shall be that~~ is exempt under Title 14, section 4422, on the date of the decedent's death, ~~shall is not be~~ liable for payment of debts of the decedent or claims against ~~his the decedent's estate; provided, except that nothing in this section may be deemed to affect~~ affects the provisions of sections 2-401 through 2-404.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §14, sub-§2-I, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 707, Pt. I, §1, is amended to read:

F. As used in this subsection, unless the context otherwise indicates, the term "estate" means:

- (1) All real and personal property and other assets included in the recipient's estate, as defined in Title 18-A, section 1-201; and

- (2) Any other real and personal property and other assets in which the recipient had any legal interest at the time of death, to the extent of that interest, including assets conveyed to a survivor, heir or assign of the deceased recipient through tenancy in common, survivorship, life estate, living trust, joint tenancy in personal property or other arrangement but not including joint tenancy in real property.

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CHAPTER 151 H.P. 836 - L.D. 1211

An Act To Amend the Marine Resources Suspension Laws

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6352, as amended by PL 1991, c. 390, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§6352. Notice

The commissioner shall give notice of a suspension or a revocation and may give an opportunity for a hearing to the holder.

1. Time of notice. Notice must be given within 60 days of the conviction or adjudication pursuant to section 6351 and must be mailed to the last known address as provided in the department's marine resources licensing and enforcement database or be served in hand.

2. Nature of notice. The notice must contain:

A. A statement of the conviction or adjudication pursuant to section 6351;

B. The reason and statutory grounds for the suspension or revocation;

C. The effective date of the suspension or revocation; and

D. The opportunity for a hearing, should one exist.

4. Receipt date. The notice is deemed received 3 days after the mailing.

5. Effective date of suspension or revocation. A suspension or revocation is effective on the date specified by the commissioner on the notice, which may not be less than 10 days after the mailing of the notice of suspension or revocation by the commissioner.