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CHAPTER 179

H.P. 738 - L.D. 1071

An Act To Add a Member to the Advisory Council on Health Systems Development

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

Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §104, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 441, §1, is amended to read:

1-A. Appointment; composition. The Advisory Council on Health Systems Development, established in Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 31-A and referred to in this section as "the council," consists of ~~49~~ 20 members appointed pursuant to this subsection.

A. The Governor shall appoint ~~44~~ 15 members with the approval of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters:

- (1) Two individuals with expertise in health care delivery, one of whom represents hospitals;
- (2) One individual with expertise in long-term care;
- (3) One individual with expertise in mental health;
- (4) One individual with expertise in public health care financing;
- (5) One individual with expertise in private health care financing;
- (6) One individual with expertise in health care quality;
- (7) One individual with expertise in public health;
- (8) Two representatives of consumers;
- (9) One individual with expertise in the insurance industry;
- (10) Two individuals with expertise in business, one representing a business or businesses with fewer than 50 employees; ~~and~~
- (11) One representative of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention that works collaboratively with other organiza-

tions to improve the health of the citizens of this State; ~~and~~

(12) One individual with expertise in health disparities and representing the State's racial and ethnic minority communities.

Prior to making appointments to the council, the Governor shall seek nominations from the public, from statewide associations representing hospitals, physicians and consumers and from individuals and organizations with expertise in health care delivery systems, health care financing, health care quality and public health.

B. Five members of the council must be members of the Legislature who serve on the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters or the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters:

- (1) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, including one member recommended by the Senate Minority Leader; and
- (2) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including one member recommended by the House Minority Leader.

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CHAPTER 180

H.P. 316 - L.D. 428

An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Wrongful Death

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

Sec. 1. 18-A MRSA §2-804, sub-§(b), as amended by PL 2007, c. 280, §1, is further amended to read:

(b). Every ~~such wrongful death~~ action must be brought by and in the name of the personal representative of the deceased person, ~~and the~~. The amount recovered in every ~~such wrongful death~~ action, except as otherwise provided, is for the exclusive benefit of the surviving spouse if no minor children, ~~and~~ of the children if no surviving spouse, ~~and~~ one-half for the exclusive benefit of the surviving spouse and one-half for the exclusive benefit of the minor children to be divided equally among them if there are both surviving spouse and minor children; and to the deceased's heirs to be distributed as provided in section 2-106 if there is neither surviving spouse nor minor children. The jury may give ~~such~~ damages as it determines a fair and