

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**2009**

tion from a physician describing the illness or other medical condition. A person must request an appeal under this subparagraph within one year of the onset of the illness or medical condition; ~~or~~

(3) Service in the United States Armed Forces or the United States Coast Guard precluded that person from participating in the lobster fishery and meeting the eligibility requirements for a license, and the person documents that the person harvested lobsters while in possession of a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license within one year prior to entering the service. The person may not have served for more than 6 consecutive years since the most recent year in which the person held a license, and the person must have been honorably discharged from service. A person must request an appeal under this subparagraph within one year of discharge from service; ~~or~~

(4) That person was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy between 1983 and 1988 and that person harvested lobsters while in possession of a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license within one year prior to the diagnosis but has not held a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license since the year following that person's diagnosis with the disease. The person must provide the commissioner with documentation from a physician of the diagnosis of muscular dystrophy and a statement from a physician that the person is currently physically capable of safely conducting the activities involved with the commercial harvest of lobsters. A person that receives a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license pursuant to this subparagraph is limited to 300 trap tags and those trap tags expire when the person is no longer eligible to hold the license and may not be counted in an exit ratio system for a lobster management zone. This subparagraph is repealed October 1, 2010.

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§5, ¶A**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1997, c. 250, §1 and affected by §10, is amended to read:

A. Possessed a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license in the previous calendar year or fulfills the requirements of section 6310, subsection 2, paragraph A, subparagraph (4);

**Sec. 3. Repeal.** This Act is repealed October 1, 2010.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 189

### S.P. 362 - L.D. 979

#### An Act To Require the Disclosure of Insurance Policy Limits to an Injured Party

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2164-E** is enacted to read:

#### **§2164-E. Disclosure of coverage limits to claimant; penalty**

Upon written request by a claimant or the claimant's attorney, an insurer doing business in this State shall provide the claimant or the claimant's attorney with the liability coverage limits of that insurer's insured. The insurer must provide the liability coverage limits within 60 days of receipt of the written request.

An insurer who fails to comply with this section is subject to a penalty of \$500, plus reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in obtaining the liability coverage limits.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 190

### S.P. 380 - L.D. 1016

#### An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Campaign Finance Reports and the Maine Clean Election Act

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

#### PART A

**Sec. A-1. 21-A MRSA §1011, 2nd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 483, §2, is amended to read:

Candidates for municipal office as defined in Title 30-A, section 2502, subsection 1 ~~and referenda as defined in Title 30-A, section 2502, subsection 2~~ are governed by this subchapter, with the following provisions:

**Sec. A-2. 21-A MRSA §1014, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 443, Pt. A, §9, is further amended to read:

**1. Authorized by candidate.** Whenever a person makes an expenditure to finance a communication expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate through broadcasting stations, newspapers, magazines, campaign signs or other outdoor advertising facilities, publicly accessible sites on