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point during a school day in which students are required to attend. A school administrative unit may not require a student to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

See title page for effective date.

#### CHAPTER 163 H.P. 648 - L.D. 881

An Act To Amend Certain Insurance Provisions Relating to Variable Annuity Death Benefits and Multiple Employer Trusts

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

- **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2537, sub-§10,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2007, c. 544, §1, is amended to read:
- 10. A variable annuity contract delivered or issued for delivery in this State may include as an incidental benefit a provision for payment on death during the deferred period of an amount equal to the greater of either the value of the contract at the time of death or the sum of the premiums or stipulated payments paid under the contract and the value of the contract at the time of death less adjusted withdrawals from the policy, whichever is greater. The beneficiary under the contract may not be paid any other amount. A variable annuity contract that includes such incidental benefit may not be deemed to be life insurance and therefore is not subject to the provisions of this Title governing life insurance contracts. A variable annuity contract with a provision for any other benefit on death during the deferred period is subject to the provisions of this Title governing life insurance contracts. A payment on death pursuant to a variable annuity contract under this subsection must be made in accordance with section 2436. This subsection applies to variable annuity contracts delivered or issued for delivery in this State on or after January 1, 2009.

## **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2606-A, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1981, c. 150, §7, is amended to read:

The lives of a group of individuals may be insured under a policy issued to a trust or to the trustee or trustees of a fund established <u>or adopted</u> by 2 or more employers, or by one or more labor unions or similar employee organizations, or by one or more employers and one or more labor unions or similar employee organizations, which trust or trustees are considered the policyholder, to insure employees of the employers or members of the unions or organizations for the benefit

of persons other than the employers or the unions or organizations, subject to the following requirements.

See title page for effective date.

#### CHAPTER 164 H.P. 1115 - L.D. 1512

An Act To Ensure That the State Is in Compliance with Certain Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations

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

- **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §555, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 251, §1, is further amended to read:
- 2. Adoption of federal regulations. The bureau may adopt rules to incorporate by reference federal regulations in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 40, 382, 383, 385, 390, 391, 392, 393, 395 and 396, and appendices, as amended, and may adopt amendments to those federal regulations. The following provisions apply to the adoption of federal regulations under this section.
  - A. Except as provided in paragraph A-1, the Maine Administrative Procedure Act does not apply to the adoption by reference of federal regulations under this subsection.
  - A-1. A rule adopted by the bureau under this subsection is a major substantive rule as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A if it:
    - (1) Adopts by reference any provision of the federal regulations described under this subsection that would result in a modification of the substance or effect of any amendment to the federal regulations adopted by the bureau and in effect on the effective date of this paragraph; or
    - (2) Adopts an amendment to any federal regulation described under this subsection.
  - A-2. The bureau may not adopt any rule that exempts motor carriers, vehicles or drivers transporting hazardous materials of a type or quantity that requires the vehicle to be marked or placarded in accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 172 from any federal regulation adopted and incorporated by reference into any rule adopted by the bureau pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding paragraph A-1, the Maine Administrative Procedure Act does not apply to the amendment of any rule consistent with the prohibition set forth in this paragraph.