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CHAPTER 403

S.P. 477 - L.D. 1515

**An Act To Clarify the
Workers' Compensation
Insurance Notification Process
for Public Construction
Projects**

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1302-A, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 452, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1312, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 452, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Violation by contractor or subcontractor. Except as provided in section 1308, subsection 1-A, any contractor or subcontractor who willfully and knowingly violates ~~section 1302-A~~ or sections 1304 to 1313 is subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$250.

Sec. 3. 39-A MRSA §105-A, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Insurance coverage information for public construction projects. Insurance coverage information regarding construction subcontractors and independent contractors is controlled by this subsection.

A. At the onset of work on any construction project undertaken by the State, the University of Maine System or the Maine Community College System, the general contractor or designated project construction manager, if any, shall provide to the board a list of all construction subcontractors and independent contractors on the job site and a record of the entity to whom that construction subcontractor or independent contractor is directly contracted and by whom that construction subcontractor or independent contractor is insured for workers' compensation purposes. The list must be posted on the board's publicly accessible website and updated as needed.

B. The board and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services shall cooperate and provide notice to each other regarding the letting of state-funded construction projects and any stop-work order, debarment or other action as either may take or issue.

C. This subsection provides minimum disclosure standards regarding construction subcontractors

and independent contractors and does not preclude the contracting agency from setting more rigorous standards for construction work under its jurisdiction.

D. If the general contractor or designated project construction manager fails to provide the board with the information required by paragraph A, that person is subject to a fine of not less than \$250.

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CHAPTER 404

H.P. 400 - L.D. 507

**An Act To More Closely
Coordinate the Classification
of Forested Farmland under
the Farm and Open Space Tax
Laws with the Maine Tree
Growth Tax Law**

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §578, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. O, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Organized areas. The municipal assessors or chief assessor of a primary assessing area shall adjust the State Tax Assessor's 100% valuation per acre for each forest type of their county by whatever ratio, or percentage of current just value, is applied to other property within the municipality to obtain the assessed values. Forest land in the organized areas, subject to taxation under this subchapter, must be taxed at the property tax rate applicable to other property in the municipality.

The State Tax Assessor shall determine annually the amount of acreage in each municipality that is classified and taxed in accordance with this subchapter. Each municipality is entitled to annual payments distributed in accordance with this section from money appropriated by the Legislature if it submits an annual return in accordance with section 383 and if it achieves the minimum assessment ratio established in section 327. The State Tax Assessor shall pay any municipal claim found to be in satisfactory form by August 1st of the year following the submission of the annual return. The municipal reimbursement appropriation is calculated on the basis of 90% of the per acre tax revenue lost as a result of this subchapter. For property tax years based on the status of property on April 1, 2008 and April 1, 2009, municipal reimbursement under this section is further limited to the amount appropriated by the Legislature and distributed on a pro rata basis by the State Tax Assessor for all