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CHAPTER 58 S.P. 193 - L.D. 503

An Act To Amend the Limited Liability Company Laws

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 31, chapter 21, which governs domestic and foreign limited liability companies in Maine, became effective July 1, 2011, and erroneous language was adopted affecting the requirements for filing an assumed name and a registration of a name for foreign limited liability companies; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 31 MRSA §1508, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 629, Pt. A, §2 and affected by §3, is amended to read:

1. Requirements. A limited liability company name must contain the words "limited liability company" or "limited company" or the abbreviation "L.L.C.," "LLC," "L.C." or "LC" or, in the case of a low-profit limited liability company, "L3C" or "13e." "13c" unless the limited liability company is filing an assumed name under section 1510 or a registration of a name of a foreign limited liability company under section 1511. The word "limited" may be abbreviated as "Ltd.," and "company" may be abbreviated as "Co." unless the limited liability company is filing an assumed name under section 1510 or a registration of a name of a foreign limited liability company under section 1511. If the words "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Liability Company, Chartered," "Limited Liability Company, Professional Association," "Limited Liability Company, P.A." or any of the designations without commas are used, a limited liability company may also use the abbreviation "L.L.C." or the designation "LLC" without filing an assumed name under section 1510. In the case of a low-profit limited liability company, if the words "Low-profit Limited Liability Company" are used, a limited liability company may also use the abbreviation "L3C" or the designation "13c" without filing an assumed name under section 1510.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 3, 2013.

CHAPTER 59 H.P. 304 - L.D. 454

An Act Relating to Health Care Provider Liability Claims Reports

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

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2605, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 492, §3, is amended to read:

§2605. Report to board or licensing authority

The superintendent shall, within 30 days of their receipt, submit to the appropriate board or other state licensing authority a copy or summary of reports received pursuant to section 2601 or section 2602.

Sec. 2. 24 MRSA §2608, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 462, §3, is amended to read:

§2608. Cancellation or nonrenewal

Any insurer required to report claims information under this subchapter shall also notify the Superintendent of Insurance of the cancellation or nonrenewal of any insured occasioned by either the number of claims against that insured or by the insured's failure to conform to appropriate standards of the medical profession. The information shall be is entitled to the confidentiality protection of section 2604. A copy of the report shall must be filed by the superintendent, within 30 days of its receipt, with the applicable licensing board or authority.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 60 H.P. 166 - L.D. 205

An Act To Exempt Free Clinics from Licensing under the Charitable Solicitations Act

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

Sec. 1. 9 MRSA §5003, sub-§4-C is enacted to read:

4-C. Free clinic. "Free clinic" means an incorporated nonprofit health facility that provides health care to persons at no charge.