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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §18058, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Notice to employee and 3rd party prior to lapse or termination. Coverage for an employee may not be terminated for nonpayment of premium unless, at least 14 days prior to the lapse or termination of coverage, the board has mailed a notice of cancellation to the employee and any 3rd party designated by the employee by name and address in writing pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph D.

Sec. 3. Notification to existing employees. On or before July 1, 2015, the Maine Public Employees Retirement System shall provide an opportunity to all employees currently insured under the group life insurance program provided in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 423, subchapter 6 to designate in writing the name and address of a 3rd party to whom notice of cancellation must be mailed prior to the cancellation of insurance coverage for nonpayment of premium.

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

Effective May 10, 2015.

CHAPTER 62

H.P. 233 - L.D. 339

An Act To Clarify That the Telephone Number 9-1-1 Is the Only Number Advertised or Promoted for Emergency Response Services

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2932, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 651, §3, is amended to read:

1. Designated emergency telephone number. The primary telephone number to be used in a telephone exchange to request emergency services following the activation of E-9-1-1 services for that exchange, including the number for telecommunications devices for communication for the deaf, hard-of-hearing and speech-impaired, is 9-1-1. A person may not advertise or promote for emergency response services any telephone number other than 9-1-1.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2932, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 651, §3, is amended to read:

2. Publishing of 9-1-1. A publisher of a directory of Maine telephone numbers for use by telephone subscribers in Maine must include in a conspicuous portion of the directory:

~~A. For any area within the directory in which E 9 1 1 has not been activated, the emergency numbers of the State Police and any sheriffs' departments that serve the area; and~~

~~B. For any area within the directory in which E 9 1 1 has been activated, the The telephone number 9-1-1 as the primary telephone number to request emergency services. The number "9-1-1" must be accompanied by words indicating it is accessible by teletypewriter device, or TTY, such as "TTY/Voice." A publisher is not required to update a directory following an activation of E 9 1 1 within the directory area until the next regular printing of the directory.~~

Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2932, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 651, §3, is amended to read:

5. Penalty. Violation ~~A violation~~ of subsection 1 or 3 is a civil offense for which a forfeiture of up to \$500 may be adjudged. A forfeiture may not be imposed under this subsection unless the person alleged to have violated subsection 1 received notification from the bureau director that the person's promotion or advertisement of a number other than 9-1-1 for emergency response services is, in the opinion of the bureau director, a violation of subsection 1 or the person alleged to have violated subsection 3 received notification from the bureau director that the person's commercial use of the number 9-1-1 is, in the opinion of the bureau director, a violation of subsection 3 and the. A person has been alleged to have violated either subsection 1 or 3 must be provided an opportunity to respond to that a notification of violation prior to the filing of an action pursuant to this subsection.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 63

S.P. 133 - L.D. 350

An Act To Expedite MaineCare Payments for School Administrative Units

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15689-A, sub-§22, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. C, §11, is amended to read:

22. MaineCare seed for school administrative units. The commissioner may deduct from a school administrative unit's state subsidy and pay on behalf of the school administrative unit allowable school-based costs that represent the school administrative unit's portion of MaineCare payments. A transfer of payment by the department to the Department of Health and Human Services must be made pursuant to a

~~schedule agreed upon by the Department of Health and Human Services and the department and based on documentation of payments made from MaineCare funds in a manner that remains in compliance with federal intergovernmental transfer requirements. No later than 90 days after the incurrence of allowable school-based payments to schools, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide the detailed payment information to the department. The department shall make this information available and apply the adjustment to the appropriate school administrative units within 30 days of receipt of the detailed payment information from the Department of Health and Human Services.~~

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 64

H.P. 284 - L.D. 417

An Act Regarding Measures To Ensure Support for Students' Financial Literacy

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §254, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 154, §1, is amended to read:

13. Technical assistance; integrated model for instruction in personal finance. The commissioner shall develop a program of technical assistance that promotes the importance of financial literacy and encourages school administrative units to implement an integrated model for instruction in personal finance that may be used in secondary schools as part of the instruction in social studies or mathematics required by section 4722, subsection 2, paragraphs B and C. The commissioner, in consultation with the Finance Authority of Maine, the Office of Securities within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Jobs for Maine's Graduates, organizations representing banks, credit unions and financial professionals and other interested organizations promoting personal finance initiatives, shall prepare and distribute annually, in January, a report to school boards and superintendents that includes strategies and resources available to implement an integrated model for instruction in personal finance for use in secondary schools. The annual report must also be provided to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters, and the department shall post the report on its publicly accessible website. The commissioner shall identify best practices to support students' financial literacy for those school administrative units that elect to offer financial literacy education pursuant to this subsection.

Sec. 2. Report. The Commissioner of Education shall submit the 2016 annual report required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 254, subsection 13 to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 13, 2016. The report must include the findings of the interagency collaboration review, including the strategies and resources available to implement an integrated model for instruction in personal finance for use in secondary schools and the best practices available to support students' financial literacy.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 65

H.P. 300 - L.D. 461

An Act To Change the Notification Deadline for the Nonrenewal of a Teacher's Contract

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13201, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2011, c. 420, Pt. F, §1 and affected by §2, is further amended to read:

After a probationary period of 3 years, subsequent contracts of duly certified teachers must be for not less than 2 years. Unless a duly certified teacher receives written notice to the contrary at least 6 months before the terminal date of the contract, the contract must be extended automatically for one year and similarly in subsequent years, except for duly certified teachers who received a summative effectiveness rating indicating ineffectiveness pursuant to chapter 508 for the preceding school year. The right to an extension for a longer period of time through a new contract is specifically reserved to the contracting parties. Unless a duly certified teacher who received a summative effectiveness rating indicating ineffectiveness pursuant to chapter 508 for the preceding school year receives written notice to the contrary from the superintendent not later than May 15th, the contract must be extended automatically for one year.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 66

H.P. 416 - L.D. 603

An Act To Achieve Regional Uniformity in Sulfur Standards for Heating Oil