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CHAPTER 115
H.P. 1025 - L.D. 1486

**An Act To Clarify the Status of
the Financial Industry
Regulatory Authority and the
National Association of
Registered Agents and Brokers
under the Maine Insurance
Code**

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §216, sub-§5, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 238, Pt. A, §1 and affected by §34, is amended to read:

5. In order to assist the superintendent in the regulation of insurers in this State, it is the duty of the superintendent to maintain as confidential a document or information received from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or International Association of Insurance Supervisors, public officials of other jurisdictions and members of supervisory colleges in which the superintendent participates pursuant to section 222, subsection 7-B, agencies of the Federal Government, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers or political subdivisions or other agencies of this State, if the document or the information has been provided to the superintendent with notice that it is confidential under the laws of the jurisdiction that is the source of the document or information.

A. Any information furnished pursuant to this subsection by or to the superintendent that has been designated confidential by the official, agency or other entity furnishing the information remains the property of the agency furnishing the information and must be held as confidential by the recipient of the information, except as authorized by the official, agency or other entity furnishing the information to the superintendent, with prior notice to interested parties and consistent with other applicable laws. The authority of the superintendent, pursuant to paragraph B, to permit further disclosure to a 3rd party or to the public of information shared by the superintendent is subject to the same requirements and conditions that apply if the superintendent discloses the information directly to a 3rd party or to the public.

B. The superintendent may share information, including otherwise confidential information, with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or International Association of Insurance Supervisors, public officials of other jurisdictions and members of supervisory colleges in which the superintendent participates pursuant to section 222, subsection 7-B, agencies of the Federal Gov-

ernment, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers or political subdivisions or other agencies of this State, if the recipient of the information agrees to maintain the same level of confidentiality as is available under Maine law and has demonstrated that it has the legal authority to do so.

C. The superintendent may enter into one or more written agreements with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners governing sharing and using information under this subsection that:

(1) Specify procedures and protocols regarding the confidentiality and security of information shared with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and its affiliates and subsidiaries pursuant to this paragraph, including procedures and protocols for sharing by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners with other state, federal or international insurance regulators;

(2) Specify that ownership of information shared with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and its affiliates and subsidiaries pursuant to this paragraph remains with the superintendent and that the use of information by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners is subject to the direction of the superintendent;

(3) Require prompt notice to be given by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to any insurer whose confidential information is in the possession of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners pursuant to this paragraph when that information is the subject of a request or subpoena for disclosure or production; and

(4) Require the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and its affiliates and subsidiaries to consent to intervention by an insurer in any judicial or administrative action in which the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and its affiliates and subsidiaries may be required to disclose confidential information about the insurer shared with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and its affiliates and subsidiaries pursuant to this paragraph.

D. This subsection does not alter prohibitions or restrictions applicable to ex parte contacts in the course of an adjudicatory proceeding in which a state agency is a party.

E. For purposes of this subsection, "other agencies of this State" includes bureau personnel and consultants designated as serving in an advocacy

capacity in an adjudicatory proceeding before the superintendent.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §601, sub-§5, ¶E, as corrected by RR 2003, c. 1, §20, is amended to read:

E. Issuance fee for original nonresident producer license or for a nonresident producer acting pursuant to a national nonresident producer license issued through the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers \$70;

Appointment of such producer, each insurer, health maintenance organization, fraternal benefit society, nonprofit hospital or medical service organization, viatical settlement provider or risk retention group \$70;

Biennial fee for appointment, each insurer, health maintenance organization, fraternal benefit society, nonprofit hospital or medical service organization, viatical settlement provider or risk retention group \$70;

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §1420-M, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 259, §24, is amended to read:

1. Appointment. An insurance producer, including a nonresident producer acting pursuant to a national nonresident producer license issued through the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, may not act as an agent of an insurer unless the insurance producer becomes an appointed agent of that insurer. An insurance producer who is not acting as an agent of an insurer is not required to become appointed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 116

H.P. 1031 - L.D. 1498

An Act To Clarify the Applicability of the Records Preservation Surcharge within County Registries of Deeds

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

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §752, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 503, §1, is amended to read:

1. Surcharge. In addition to any other fees required by law, a register of deeds may collect a surcharge of \$3 per document for all records that are recorded in the registry of deeds, except those recorded by agencies of State Government, including quasi-independent state entities as defined in Title 5, section 12021, subsection 5, and municipalities.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 117

S.P. 536 - L.D. 1530

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Unemployment Compensation

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1999, c. 555, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Annual payroll. "Annual payroll" means the total amount of wages paid by an employer during a calendar year, not meaning, however, to include that part of individual wages or salaries in excess of ~~\$3,000 in any calendar year through 1971, \$4,200 in any calendar year through 1977, \$6,000 in any calendar year through 1982, \$7,000 in any calendar year through 1999~~ and \$12,000 in any subsequent calendar year.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§11, ¶F, as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c. 691, Pt. A, §27, is amended to read:

F. The term "employment" does not include:

(1) Service performed in the employ of this State, or of any political subdivision thereof, or of any instrumentality of this State or its political subdivisions, except as provided by this subsection;

(2) Service performed in the employ of the United States Government or an instrumentality of the United States immune under the Constitution of the United States from the contributions imposed by this chapter, except that on and after January 1, 1940 to the extent that the Congress of the United States has permitted states to require any instrumentalities of the United States to make payments into an unemployment compensation fund under a state unemployment compensation or employment security law, all of the provisions of this chapter are applicable to such instrumentalities and to services performed for such instrumentalities in the same manner, to the same extent and on the same terms as to all other employers, employing units, individuals and services. If this State is not certified for any year by the Secretary of Labor under the federal Internal Revenue Code, Section 3304, the payments required of such instrumentalities with respect to that year must be refunded by the commissioner from the fund in the same manner and within the same period as is provided in section 1225, subsection 5, with respect to contributions erroneously collected;