

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2017**

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;