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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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E. Psychologist; or

F. Licensed social worker, conditional licensed social worker, licensed clinical social worker or licensed master social worker, conditional.

2. Requirements for license. To apply for licensure under this subchapter, the applicant shall submit to the board the following:

A. Evidence of having completed training in auricular acupuncture detoxification from the national acupuncture detoxification association or other board-approved auricular acupuncture detoxification training;

B. The identity of the licensed acupuncturist who will be supervising the applicant in accordance with section 12551, subsection 4, paragraph B; and

C. A fee as set under section 12554.

§12553. Rulemaking

The board may adopt rules necessary to implement this subchapter and set standards for acupuncture detoxification specialists. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

§12554. Fees and renewal

1. Fees. The Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the department may establish by rule fees for the purposes authorized under this subchapter in amounts that are reasonable and necessary for their respective purposes, except that the fee for initial and renewal licensure may not exceed \$675 annually. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

2. Renewal. A license issued under this subchapter expires on the stated expiration date as determined by the commissioner. To maintain licensure, prior to expiration of a license, a licensee shall apply for renewal, pay the required fee and identify the supervising licensed acupuncturist in accordance with section 12551, subsection 4, paragraph B.

3. Late renewal. A license may be renewed up to 90 days after the date of expiration upon payment of a late fee in addition to the renewal fee as set pursuant to subsection 1. A person who submits an application for renewal more than 90 days after the date of expiration is subject to all requirements governing new applicants under this subchapter, except that the board, giving due consideration to the protection of the public, may waive any such requirement if that renewal application is received, together with the late fee and

renewal fee, within 2 years from the date of the expiration.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 270

H.P. 822 - L.D. 1133

An Act To Require That Hospital Liens Be Satisfied on a Just and Equitable Basis

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §3412-A is enacted to read:

§3412-A. Limits on priority of hospital liens

1. Lien reduction; just and equitable basis. A hospital lien must be reduced by the patient's proportionate share of the patient's litigation or other recovery costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees. A hospital lien must be satisfied not on the basis of a priority lien but on a just and equitable basis, which means that any factors that diminish the potential value of the patient's claim against which the lien is asserted must likewise reduce the share in the claim by the hospital for reimbursement for services provided. Such factors include, but are not limited to:

A. Questions of liability and comparative negligence or other legal defenses;

B. Exigencies of trial that reduce a settlement or award in order to resolve the claim; and

C. Limits on the amount of applicable insurance coverage that reduce the claim to an amount recoverable by the insured.

2. Dispute resolution. In the event of a dispute as to the application of this section or the amount available for payment to those claiming payment for services or reimbursement, that dispute must be determined, if the action is pending, before the court in which it is pending; or if no action is pending, by filing an action in any court for determination of the dispute.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 271

H.P. 948 - L.D. 1313

An Act To Enact the Maine Death with Dignity Act

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