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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

January 8, 2020 to March 17, 2020

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
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**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

**Augusta, Maine
2020**

Sec. 3. 22-A MRSA §214, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. N, §53, is amended to read:

A. The commissioner ~~shall~~ may hold at least one informational meeting at least ~~30~~ 14 days before the due date for submission of the notice of intent to bid. ~~Any informational meeting must be advertised in newspapers of general circulation stating the location, date, time and purpose of the meeting. At the meeting the~~ The commissioner shall provide detailed information to any interested party about the contract to be bid or rebid, provide notice of anticipated major changes from any previous contract and respond to questions.

Sec. 4. 22-A MRSA §214, sub-§4, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. N, §53, is amended to read:

B. The commissioner ~~shall~~ may require any interested party to submit a notice of intent to bid at least ~~30~~ 7 days before the date bids will be accepted as a precondition to submitting a formal bid. The notice of intent must contain minimal requirements that demonstrate a prospective bidder's competence and ability to comply with the requirements of the contract.

Sec. 5. 34-B MRSA §1208-A, as amended by PL 1995, c. 560, Pt. K, §21 and c. 691, §5, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 591

S.P. 638 - L.D. 1866

An Act To Increase the Automatic Draft Authority for Licensed Insurance Producers

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

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the end of the 90-day period to address, as soon as possible, the increased frequency of severe weather occurrences between December and April and the resulting property damage claims; 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. 24-A MRSA §1402, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 457, §23 and affected by §55, is amended to read:

C. Licensed producers authorized by contract to settle and pay claims within a specified limit established by the insurer or fraternal benefit society not to exceed ~~\$5,000~~ \$10,000 or, temporarily under the same circumstance described in section 1475, \$20,000;

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

Effective March 17, 2020.

CHAPTER 592

H.P. 1358 - L.D. 1892

An Act To Make Changes to the So-called Dig Safe Law

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 September 16, 2019 explosion in Farmington demonstrates the tragic consequences that can result from unmarked underground liquefied propane gas pipes; and

Whereas, the exemption of certain underground liquefied propane gas facilities from the so-called dig safe law poses a clear danger to excavators and the public; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to address, as soon as possible, this significant safety risk by making liquefied propane gas distribution systems that have underground pipes subject to the so-called dig safe law; 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. 23 MRSA §3360-A, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2011, c. 588, §2, is further amended to read:

E. "Underground facility" means any item of personal property buried or placed below ground for use in connection with the storage or conveyance of water, sewage, electronic, telephonic or telegraphic communications, electric energy, oil, gas or other substances and including, but not limited