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STATE OF MAINE

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an opportunity to submit written comments to the commission regarding the performance of the programs.

The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities matters may report out a bill relating to the commission report to the Second Regular Session of the ~~130th~~ 131st Legislature.

This subsection is repealed September 30, ~~2022~~ 2024.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §10110, sub-§2, ¶L, as amended by PL 2019, c. 608, §2, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

This paragraph is repealed September 30, ~~2022~~ 2024.

Sec. 3. Low-income ratepayer assistance. The Public Utilities Commission shall consider in Public Utilities Commission Docket No. 2021-00061 proven, global best practices to assist low-income ratepayers, including, but not limited to, the use of lower tier rates for customers based on income. The commission shall provide to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology any information or decisions made in relation to low-income ratepayer assistance pursuant to Docket No. 2021-00061 by January 15, 2022. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature based on the information or recommendations provided by the commission pursuant to this section.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 102
S.P. 77 - L.D. 189**

An Act To Permit All Public Employers To Implement Payroll Deductions for Disability and Life Insurance Policies

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §640 is enacted to read:

§640. Public employee voluntary payroll deductions for certain insurance

Upon a public employee's written request, a public employer may deduct voluntary payroll deductions designated in writing by the employee to the employer for disability insurance and life insurance offered in conjunction with the employee's membership in an employee organization recognized by the employer or designated by a collective bargaining agreement. The employee may rescind the authorization for the deductions by giving the employer 30 days' written notice.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 103
S.P. 110 - L.D. 248**

An Act Regarding the Board of Occupational Safety and Health

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §565, as amended by PL 1989, c. 712, is further amended to read:

§565. Powers and duties of board

The board shall formulate and adopt reasonable rules, pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter H 2, for safe and healthful working conditions, including rules requiring the use of personal protective equipment, monitoring and record keeping. ~~The rules so formulated shall~~ must at a minimum conform to federal standards of occupational safety and health, so that the state program can be federally approved as a public employee only occupational safety and health program. ~~These rules shall not become effective sooner than 90 days after the date of adoption and promulgation.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 104
H.P. 196 - L.D. 280**

An Act To Increase Funding for Snowmobile Trails and Capital Equipment Grants

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2015, c. 237, §2, is further amended to read:

4. Fee. Except as provided in subsection 5, the annual snowmobile registration fee is as follows:

A. For residents, ~~\$45~~ \$55. The registration for a snowmobile owned by a resident is valid for one year, commencing on July 1st of each year; and

B. For nonresidents:

(1) ~~Forty-nine~~ Seventy-four dollars for a 3-consecutive-day registration. A person may purchase more than one 3-day registration in any season;

(2) ~~Ninety-nine~~ One hundred and nineteen dollars for a seasonal registration; and

(3) ~~Seventy-five~~ Ninety-nine dollars for a 10-consecutive-day registration. A person may purchase more than one 10-day registration in any season.