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CHAPTER 288

H.P. 1103 - L.D. 1489

An Act To Update the Classification of Service Employees

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §663, sub-§8, as amended by PL 2011, c. 118, §1, is further amended to read:

8. Service employee. "Service employee" means any employee engaged in an occupation in which the employee customarily and regularly receives more than \$30 a month in tips.:

A. Prior to January 1, 2022, \$30 a month in tips;

B. Beginning January 1, 2022, \$100 a month in tips; or

C. Beginning January 1, 2023, \$175 a month in tips.

On January 1, 2024, and every January 1st thereafter, the monetary amount over which an employee is considered a service employee under this subsection must be increased by the same percentage of the increase, if any, in the cost of living. The increase in the cost of living is measured by the percentage increase, if any, as of August of the previous year over the level as of August of the year preceding that year in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, CPI-W, for the Northeast Region, or its successor index, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics or its successor agency, with the amount of the increase rounded to the nearest multiple of \$1.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 289

S.P. 11 - L.D. 4

An Act To Amend the Maine Pharmacy Act

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 clarifies the definition of compounding under the Maine Pharmacy Act to include the compounding of drugs for distribution to licensed veterinarians for limited office use on behalf of their animal patients; and

Whereas, this legislation requires the Maine Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules establishing the terms and conditions for compounding for veterinarian office use; and

Whereas, this legislation prohibits compounding for veterinarian office use until rules are adopted; and

Whereas, it is important that this legislation take effect as soon as possible so that the rules can be adopted in an expedient manner; 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. 10 MRSA §8003-H is enacted to read:

§8003-H. Licensure by endorsement

The Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, referred to in this section as "the office," including the licensing boards and commissions within the office, shall establish a process to issue a license by endorsement to an applicant who presents proof of licensure by another jurisdiction of the United States as long as the other jurisdiction maintains substantially equivalent license requirements for the licensed profession or occupation and as long as:

1. Good standing. The applicant is in good standing in all jurisdictions in which the applicant holds or has held a license. For purposes of this subsection, "good standing" means that the applicant does not have a complaint, allegation or investigation pending, does not have a license that is suspended or subject to practice restrictions and has never surrendered a license or had a license revoked;

2. No cause for denial. No cause for denial of a license exists under section 8003, subsection 5-A, paragraph A or under any other law; and

3. Fee. The applicant pays the fee, if any, pursuant to section 8003, subsection 2-A, paragraph D.

The office, or a licensing board or commission within the office, may require an applicant to pass a jurisprudence examination if such an examination is required to be passed for licensure pursuant to law or rule of the office, licensing board or commission.

The office, including the licensing boards and commissions within the office, shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §13702-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. DD, §2, is amended to read: