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CHAPTER 573 H.P. 522 - L.D. 833

An Act to Establish Separate Inauguration and Transition Committees for a Governorelect and to Limit Donations to Each

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1051, as amended by PL 2019, c. 564, §1, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§1051. Gubernatorial transition committee inauguration and transition committees

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §1051, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 564, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Transition and inaugural activities Inauguration committee; funding. A person may solicit and accept donations for the purpose of financing costs related to the transition to office and inauguration of a Governor-elect. A person who accepts donations for these purposes must this purpose shall establish a committee and appoint a treasurer who is responsible for keeping records of donations and for filing a financial disclosure statement required by this section. All donations received must be deposited in a separate and segregated account and may not be commingled with any contributions received by any candidate or political committee or, any personal or business funds of any person or donations received by a committee established under subsection 2-A. All donations received by the committee established under this subsection must be used for expenses related to the transition to office or inauguration; any surplus funds must be disposed of pursuant to subsection 7. A person may make donations to the committee established under this subsection aggregating no more than the amount that an individual may contribute to a gubernatorial candidate under Title 21-A, section 1015, subsection 1.

Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §1051, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Transition committee; funding. A person may solicit and accept donations for the purpose of financing costs related to the transition to office of a Governor-elect. A person who accepts donations for this purpose shall establish a committee and appoint a treasurer who is responsible for keeping records of donations and for filing a financial disclosure statement required by this section. All donations received must be deposited in a separate and segregated account and may not be commingled with any contributions received by any candidate or political committee, any personal or business funds of any person or donations received by a committee established under subsection 2.

All donations received by the committee established under this subsection must be used for expenses related to the transition to office; any surplus funds must be disposed of pursuant to subsection 7. A person may make donations to the committee established under this subsection aggregating no more than the amount that an individual may contribute to a gubernatorial candidate under Title 21-A, section 1015, subsection 1, except that the appropriation from the Governor-elect's Expense Account under Title 2, section 3 may be transferred, in whole or in part, to the committee established under this subsection.

Sec. 4. 1 MRSA §1051, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2019, c. 564, §1, is further amended to read:

4. Limitation on fund-raising activity. A committee established pursuant to this section may accept donations until March 31st of the year following the gubernatorial election. The commission may authorize the acceptance of donations after March 31st of the year following the gubernatorial election if the <u>a</u> committee requests such authorization in order to pay a debt or loan related to the transition to office <u>for a committee established under subsection 2-A</u> or inauguration <u>for a committee established under subsection 2</u>.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 574 H.P. 903 - L.D. 1407

An Act to Amend the Maine Insurance Code Regarding Payments by Health Insurance Carriers to Providers

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2021, c. 311, §1, is further amended to read:

9. Notice of amendments to provider agreements. A carrier offering or renewing a health plan in this State shall notify a participating provider of a proposed amendment to a provider agreement at least 60 days prior to the amendment's proposed effective date and may file such notice of a proposed amendment to a provider agreement only 4 times per calendar year on January 1st, April 1st, July 1st and October 1st, except that, at any time, a carrier may file a notice of a proposed amendment in response to a requirement of the State or Federal Government or due to a change in current procedural terminology codes used by the American Medical Association. If an amendment that has substantial impact on the rights and obligations of providers is made to a manual, policy or procedure document referenced in the provider agreement, such as material changes to fee schedules or material changes to