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LD 224 An Act To Modify Requirements for Multiple-party Accounts, Limited Purpose Financial Institutions and Mergers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 5 requires new nondepository trust companies, merchant banks and uninsured banks organized under the laws of this State to locate their principal offices in this State. It addresses inconsistent language found in the requirement for a signature card or other document establishing a multiple-party account. It also authorizes mutual holding companies organized under the laws of this State to acquire by merger a federal mutual financial institution or other state mutual financial institution under certain conditions.

Public Law 2021, chapter 5 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2021.

LD 254 An Act To Allow Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists To Bill for Their Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 39 requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for services provided by certified registered nurse anesthetists if those services are within a certified registered nurse anesthetist's scope of practice and are covered services under a health plan. The law applies to policies, contracts and certificates executed, issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022.

LD 274 Resolve, Directing the Maine Health Data Organization To Determine the Best Methods and Definitions To Use in Collecting Data To Better Understand Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Provision of Health Care in Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 34 directs the Maine Health Data Organization to determine the best methods and definitions to use in collecting data to assist in analyzing the origins of racial and ethnic disparities in health care in the State and to submit a report with suggested legislation by October 1, 2021 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, which may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

LD 299 An Act To Address Licensure of Behavioral Health Practice in the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 233 clarifies that a person may not engage in the practice of professional counseling or profess to the public to be a, or assume or use the title or designation of, clinical

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professional counselor, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, licensed pastoral counselor, registered counselor or conditional license holder without holding a valid license or registration in this State.

The law also makes it an unfair trade practice for persons to represent themselves to the public as social workers, psychologists or counseling professionals without a valid license to practice.

Public Law 2021, chapter 233 has an effective date of July 1, 2022.

LD 368 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Proof of Financial Responsibility with Respect to Motor Vehicles

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 254 changes the laws governing proof of financial responsibility with respect to motor vehicles. The law limits the authority of a corporation to demonstrate financial ability to comply with the requirements to a corporation that is a transmission and distribution utility.

The law also clarifies the process used for a person to provide proof of financial responsibility by the deposit of money or securities with the Treasurer of State in lieu of obtaining motor vehicle insurance. The law requires the Secretary of State to issue a certificate of compliance with the financial responsibility laws for up to one year after approval and receipt of the deposit by the Treasurer and evidence that there are no unsatisfied judgments against the depositor and requires renewal of that certificate annually. The law requires the Treasurer of State to hold the money or securities for a period of not less than six years following the cancellation of a deposit as proof of financial responsibility or for such other period of time required to satisfy the statute of limitations in effect at the time of cancellation for filing claims for causes of action arising from a motor vehicle accident.

LD 504 Resolve, Regarding Certification for Certain Mental Health Rehabilitation Technicians

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 69 implements a recommendation from the Working Group on Mental Health. The resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend, no later than October 1, 2021, its guidelines for the mental health rehabilitation technician/community certification, also known as an MHRT/C certification, in order to allow an individual who has completed a four-year postsecondary educational degree program or obtained a graduate degree in a mental health-related field to receive the MHRT/C certification notwithstanding any other guidelines for certification.

Resolve 2021, chapter 69 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 17, 2021.