

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Eighty-ninth Legislature

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## Chapter 252

### AN ACT Relating to Civil Actions for Death.

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

R. S., c. 101, § 10, amended. Section 10 of chapter 101 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 113 of the public laws of 1933, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 10. How such action to be brought; and amount recovered, disposed of; limitation.** Every such action shall be brought by and in the names of the personal representatives of such deceased person, and the amount recovered in every such action, **except as hereinafter provided**, shall be for the exclusive benefit of the widow or widower, if no children, and of the children, if no widow or widower, and if both, then for the exclusive benefit of the widow or widower and the children equally, and, if neither, of his or her heirs. The jury may give such damages as they shall deem a fair and just compensation, not exceeding \$10,000, with reference to the pecuniary injuries resulting from such death to the persons for whose benefit such action is brought, **and in addition thereto, shall give such damages as will compensate the estate of such deceased person for the reasonable expense of medical, surgical and hospital care and treatment, provided, that such action shall be commenced within 2 years after the death of such person.'**

Approved April 19, 1939.

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## Chapter 253

### AN ACT Relating to the State Police.

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

R. S., c. 29, § 122, amended. Section 122 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 122. Appointment of the chief of the state police; duties, may enlist members of the force; terms and conditions of enlistment; deputy chief.** The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a chief of the state police, ~~to serve during their pleasure,~~ to serve for a term of 4 years unless removed for cause. He may be removed by the governor and council only after charges have been preferred in writing and, if he so requests, after public hearing. The chief shall be the executive head of the state police and shall execute the duties of his office under