

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Eighty-eighth and Eighty-ninth  
Legislatures

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

From April 24, 1937 to April 21, 1939

AND

MISCELLANEOUS STATE PAPERS

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Private and Special Laws

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Eighty-ninth Legislature

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## Chapter 97

AN ACT Relating to the Administration of the Old Age Assistance Law.

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

P. & S. L., 1937, c. 105, Title II, § 16, amended. Section 16 of Title II of chapter 105 of the private and special laws of 1937 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 16. Administration.** All monies made available under this act shall be expended under the direction of the department, and the department is empowered to direct the expenditure therefrom of such sums as may be necessary for the purposes of administration. All assistance granted under this act shall be paid monthly by the state. The department shall make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the custody, use and preservation of the records, papers, files and communications of the department. The use of such records, papers, files and communications by any other agency or department of government to which they may be furnished shall be limited to the purposes for which they are furnished and by the provisions of the law under which they may be furnished.'

Approved April 19, 1939.

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## Chapter 98

AN ACT Relating to Aid to Libraries, Expenses of State Historian, Topographic Mapping and Abolishment of Grade Crossings.

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

**Sec. 1. State aid to libraries, suspended.** Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, for a period of 2 years from the date of approval of this act, towns entitled to receive from the treasurer of state, state aid to libraries under the provisions of sections 25 and 27 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes shall receive the following enumerated percentages of their appropriation for the purpose of securing free use of libraries to their inhabitants:

- To towns appropriating \$475 or less, 10% ;
- To towns appropriating from \$475 to \$1900, 7% ;
- To towns appropriating from \$1900 to \$5000, 4%.

**Sec. 2. State historian's expenses, suspended.** For a period of 2 years from the date of approval of this act, none of the actual cash expenses of

the state historian shall be paid from the state treasury as provided for in section 6 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes.

**Sec. 3. Topographic mapping, suspended.** For a period of 2 years from the date of approval of this act, there shall be no appropriation made for the topographic mapping of the state as provided in sections 21 and 22 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes except such appropriation as may be provided for in "An Act to Promote Topographic Mapping of Maine in Cooperation with the United States Geological Survey" enacted by the 89th legislature.

**Sec. 4. Appropriation for abolishment of grade crossings, suspended.** For a period of 2 years from the date of approval of this act, the state shall make no appropriations and no expenditures under the provisions of sections 39 to 42, inclusive, of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 266 of the public laws of 1931, regarding the abolishment of grade crossings on state aid and third-class highways. Provided, however, if federal funds shall be made available to the state for the abolishment or alteration of railroad and highway crossings on state aid and third-class highways, the state highway commission is authorized to use general highway funds for surveys, plans, land damage and other items of cost, for which federal funds cannot be used.

Approved April 19, 1939.

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## Chapter 99

### AN ACT Authorizing Peabody Law School to Confer Degrees.

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

Peabody Law School authorized to confer degrees. Peabody Law School, a corporation located in Portland in the county of Cumberland, shall have power and authority to confer the degree of bachelor of laws upon all persons who shall, having had not less than 2 years of college training, have completed satisfactorily at least a 3 years' course in law in said school.

Approved April 20, 1939.