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**ACTS AND RESOLVES**  
AS PASSED BY THE  
**Ninety-second and Ninety-third**  
**Legislatures**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**From April 22, 1945 to May 14, 1947**  
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**STATE OF MAINE**

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the court, as trustee, or to the department of health and welfare of the state of Maine for the use of such child or children, and to release the defendant from custody on probation for the period during which the aforesaid payments are ordered, and may in its discretion order said defendant to enter into a recognizance with sureties, in such sum as the court may direct. The condition of the recognizance shall be such that if the defendant shall make his personal appearance in court whenever ordered to do so within said period, and shall further comply with the terms of the order and of any subsequent modification thereof, then the recognizance shall be void, otherwise in full force and effect.

The furnishing of aid by any town or city within the state or by the department of health and welfare of the state to any such child or children shall be prima facie evidence that such child or children is in destitute or necessitous circumstances.

Sec. 69-C. On proof of violation of order, court may proceed under original indictment; amount recovered may be paid to mother, guardian, or to department of health and welfare. If the court shall be satisfied by information or evidence under oath, that at any time during the period in which the payments were ordered pursuant to sections 69-A and 69-B of this chapter the defendant has violated the terms of such order, it may forthwith proceed with the trial of the defendant under the original complaint or indictment, or sentence him under the original conviction, or enforce the original sentence, as the case may be. In case of forfeiture of recognizance and enforcement thereof by execution, the sum recovered may, in the discretion of the court, be paid in whole or in part to the mother or to the guardian or custodian of the minor child or children or to the department of health and welfare for the state of Maine when said department has furnished aid for said minor child or children.'

Effective August 13, 1947

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## Chapter 370

### AN ACT Relating to Aid to Dependent Children.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 229-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 229-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 229-A. Duties of commissioner. Before granting aid under the provisions of sections 226 to 235, inclusive, the commissioner shall deter-

mine that the parent or other relative, with whom such child is living, is fit to bring up such child, that the other members of the household and the home surroundings are such as to make for good character and that it is advisable that such child continue living in such home, and that the granting of such aid is necessary. The commissioner shall make careful inquiry into the resources of the members of such household and their ability to work or otherwise contribute to the support of such child, and the existence of relatives able to assist in supporting such child; shall take all lawful means to compel all persons liable under the provisions of section 271 thereof to support such child and to enforce any other legal rights for the benefit of such child; shall press all members of the household who are able to work, other than such parent or relative and such child, to secure work; and shall secure all possible aid for such parent or relative and such child which can be secured from relatives or other individuals.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 230, amended. Section 230 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 230. Amount of aid. The department shall confer with the municipal board in deciding all matters in question. If, after said conference, the department decides that the applicant is entitled to aid, it shall then determine the character and amount. The amount of aid which shall be granted for any dependent child shall be determined with due regard to the resources and necessary expenditures of the family and the conditions existing in each case and shall be sufficient, when added to all other income and support available to the child, to provide such child with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, but not exceeding \$50 per month for such dependent child, or, if there is more than one such child in one family, then not exceeding \$50 per month for the first such child, \$25 per month for the second such child and \$20 per month for each additional such child, plus such sums as may be necessary for extraordinary dental, surgical and medical expenses. Payments shall be made semi-monthly.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 302, amended. Section 302 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 302. Amount of aid. The department shall determine the character and amount of aid which shall be granted with due regard to the resources of the veteran and his dependents and the necessary expenditures and conditions existing in each case, and which shall be sufficient, when added to all other income and support available, to provide such dependents with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health, but not exceeding \$50 per month for a dependent child, or, if there is more than one such child in one family, then not exceeding \$50 per month for the first such child, \$25 per month for the second such child and \$20 per

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month for each additional such child, plus such sums as may be necessary for extraordinary dental, surgical and medical expenses. Payments shall be made semi-monthly.'

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## Chapter 371

AN ACT Relating to the Salaries of Various Officers of Franklin County.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 79, § 269, amended. That part of the 5th paragraph of section 269 of chapter 79 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 5 of chapter 161 of the public laws of 1945, which relates to clerk hire in the office of register of deeds in Franklin county is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'For clerks in the office of register of deeds, ~~\$\$\$~~ \$1,200;'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 140, § 3, amended. That part of section 3 of chapter 140 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 7 of chapter 161 of the public laws of 1945, which relates to the salary of the judge of probate in Franklin county, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Franklin, ~~\$900~~ \$1,000.'

Effective August 13, 1947

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## Chapter 372

AN ACT Relating to Liquor Licenses in Unorganized Territory.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 57, § 21-A, additional. Chapter 57 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 21-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 21-A. Liquor licenses in unincorporated places. Upon petition signed by 20% or more of the voters qualified under the provisions of section 64 of chapter 5 as legal voters of any unincorporated place requesting a vote on local option questions, the liquor commission shall forthwith set a date, give public notice in the same manner as provided for notice in section 22, and cause a vote to be taken in such unincorporated place under its supervision. For the purposes of this election, the commission shall pre-