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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Fourth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Chapter 19

AN ACT Relating to Settlement with Joint Tortfeasors.

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

R. S., T. 14, § 163, additional. Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 163 to read as follows:

§ 163. Release of joint tortfeasors

Whenever a person seeks recovery for a personal injury or property damage caused by 2 or more persons, the settlement with or release of one or more of the persons causing the injury shall not be a bar to a subsequent action against the other person or persons also causing the injury.

Evidence of settlement with a release of one or more persons causing the injury shall not be admissible at a subsequent trial against the other person or persons also causing the injury. After the jury has returned its verdict, the trial judge shall inquire of the attorneys for the parties whether such a settlement or release has occurred. If such settlement or release has occurred, the trial judge shall reduce the verdict by an amount equal to the settlement with or the consideration for the release of the other persons.

Effective October 1, 1969

Chapter 20

AN ACT Changing Name of Methodist Church to United Methodist Church.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 13, § 2982, amended. The first sentence of section 2982 of Title 13 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The church wardens of Episcopal churches, the stewards or trustees of the **United Methodist church** and the deacons of all other Protestant churches are so far corporations as to take, in succession, all grants and gifts of real and personal estate made to their churches or to them and their successors.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 13, § 2982, amended. The last sentence of section 2982 of Title 13 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Trustees of the local **United Methodist churches** are created a corporation with all the rights and privileges of corporations, subject to the restrictions contained in the book of discipline of the **United Methodist church**.

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