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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Fifth Legislature

OF THE

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PUBLIC LAWS  
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## Chapter 200

### AN ACT Relating to Return of Deposit for Security under Financial Responsibility Law.

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

R. S., T. 29, § 783, sub-§ 4, amended. The 2nd sentence of subsection 4 of section 783 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Such deposit, or any balance thereof, after the expiration of such one-year period, shall be returned to the depositor or his personal representative unless the Secretary of State shall have received a written notice from the aggrieved person or his representative that suit has been brought.

Effective September 23, 1971

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## Chapter 201

### AN ACT Relating to Proof of Financial Responsibility under Financial Responsibility Law.

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

R. S., T. 29, § 783, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, sub-¶ (2), repealed and replaced. Subparagraph (2) of paragraph A of subsection 2 of section 783 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

(2) Shall immediately give and maintain proof of financial responsibility as provided under section 787, subsection 2. The Secretary of State may waive the requirement of filing proof of financial responsibility at any time after 3 years from the date of request for compliance, provided the security requirement has been satisfied and provided no further filing is required under section 782, subsection 1. The security and proof requirements may be waived after 6 years from the date of the accident provided the Secretary of State has not received subsequent record of conviction, accident involvement, unsatisfied judgment or other evidence that would require the continuance of such security and financial responsibility requirements.

Effective September 23, 1971

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## Chapter 202

### AN ACT Relating to Precautions at Railroad Crossings.

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

R. S., T. 35, § 818, repealed and replaced. Section 818 of Title 35 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

### § 818. Precautions at crossings

No team or vehicle shall be driven over any such crossing unless such team or vehicle shall first be stopped within a reasonable distance from the nearest rail of such crossing, and the operator, by looking and listening, shall have determined that nothing is approaching on the tracks of such railroad. Nothing in this section shall prevent the commission from making such further regulations for safety at any such crossing established under their direction, as they may deem expedient or necessary.

Effective September 23, 1971

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## Chapter 203

### AN ACT to Allow Electric Utilities to Participate in the Construction of Certain Utility Facilities.

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

R. S., T. 35, §§ 2308 - 2310, additional. Title 35 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 3 new sections, 2308 to 2310, to read as follows:

#### § 2308. Definitions

Wherever used or referred to in sections 2308 to 2310, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

1. Domestic electric company. "Domestic electric company" means any entity organized under the laws of this State to generate, transmit or distribute electric energy.

2. Foreign electric company. "Foreign electric company" means a corporation, association, joint stock association or trust organized under the laws of a state other than this State, or a province of the Dominion of Canada, which is authorized under the laws of the state or province in which it is organized to generate, transmit or distribute electric energy.

3. Utility facility. "Utility facility" means an item of plant used or useful in the electric utility business, and shall include, but is not limited to, such items of plant as generating stations, transmission lines, office buildings and equipment and transportation equipment.

§ 2309. Area within which domestic electric company may generate and transmit electric energy

Notwithstanding any limitation imposed by its charter, each domestic electrical company is authorized and empowered to generate and transmit electric energy and to acquire and operate anywhere within or without this State utility facilities or interests therein of whatever nature or form used or required to be used in its service to the public, provided nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize such a company to sell electric energy in this