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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## One Hundred and Fifth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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PUBLIC LAWS  
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**Chapter 465****AN ACT to Remedy Omissions in the Workmen's Compensation Law.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 39, § 56-A, additional. Title 39 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 56-A to read as follows:

**§ 56-A. —Injuries**

In addition to the benefits provided for in sections 54 and 55, when an employee sustains an injury which is included in the following schedule, the incapacity in each case shall be deemed to be total for the period specified and the injured employee shall receive a lump sum payment for said injury which shall be determined by multiplying the amount to which he would be entitled weekly for total incapacity as determined under section 54, by the period of presumed total incapacity set forth in this section. The specific periods of presumed total incapacity because of injuries specified in this section shall be as follows:

Total loss of function of

Neck: 100 weeks

Back: 200 weeks

Jaw: 40 weeks

Genito-urinary organs: 30 weeks

In all other cases of injury to the above-mentioned parts of the body where the usefulness of any physical function thereof is permanently impaired, the specific compensable periods for presumed total incapacity on account thereof shall bear such relation to the periods above specified as the percentage of permanent impairment due to the injury to such parts of the body shall bear to the total loss thereof. The commission upon petition therefor by either party shall determine such percentage.

Such determination by the commission shall be based upon reasonably demonstrable medical or clinical findings.

Effective September 23, 1971

**Chapter 466****AN ACT Relating to Testing of Private Water Supplies by Department of Health and Welfare.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the volume of requests for the testing of private water supplies now exceeds the capacity of the public health laboratory; and

Whereas, unreasonable delays in testing water supplies can cause a threat to the public health; and

Whereas, unreasonable delays in testing water can create serious problems in real estate transfers when FHA and VA are involved; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 562, amended.** Section 562 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The department may make a charge, not to exceed \$2, for chemical and bacteriological examination of private water supplies. All such fees collected shall be credited to the General Fund.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare from the General Fund the sum of \$31,690 to provide for expansion of laboratory services for testing of water supplies. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1971-72	1972-73
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Personal Services	(1) \$13,022	(1) \$13,768
All Other	2,100	2,100
Capital Expenditures	700	—
	\$15,822	\$15,868

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall become effective July 1, 1971.

Effective July 1, 1971

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## Chapter 467

### AN ACT Relating to Power to Loan under State Housing Authority's Law.

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

**R. S., T. 30, § 4601-A, sub-§ 1, ¶ L, additional.** Subsection 1 of section 4601-A of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 7 of chapter 470 of the public laws of 1969 and as amended, is further amended by adding a new paragraph L to read as follows: