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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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Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries the sum of \$16,972 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1971-72	1972-73
SEA AND SHORE FISHERIES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Personal Services	\$7,275	\$9,697

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 521

AN ACT to License and Regulate Suppliers of Compressed Air Used in Self-contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, §§ 1566 - 1571, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding sections 1566 to 1571 to read as follows:

§ 1566. Purpose

The purpose of sections 1566 to 1571 is to protect the public health; to regulate and license the suppliers of compressed air used in self-contained breathing apparatus; to set up rules and regulations to establish the maximum permissible amount of all contaminants expressed either in percentages or in parts per million of volume, or both; to set up standards for the condition of the compression equipment; and to prescribe penalties for violations of sections 1566 to 1571.

§ 1567. Definitions

As used in sections 1566 to 1571, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words shall have the following meanings:

1. **Breathing apparatus.** "Breathing apparatus" means any breathing device, either high or low pressure, which is used to sustain human life under adverse conditions.

2. **Department.** "Department" means the Department of Health and Welfare.

3. **Suppliers of compressed air.** "Suppliers of compressed air" means any organization, agency, individual, firm, partnership or corporation that provides compressed air to be used in self-contained breathing apparatus.

§ 1568. License

It is unlawful for any supplier of compressed air to fill or supply any breathing apparatus with life supporting gases in the State of Maine unless

licensed to do so by the department. The initial license fee and the annual renewal license fee shall be \$10. Except that fire departments shall be exempt from the licensing requirements of sections 1566 to 1571 so long as the use of the apparatus is restricted to departmental use in fighting fires.

§ 1569. Fees

All fees shall be collected by the department and remitted to the Treasurer of State and credited to the General Fund.

§ 1570. Rules and regulations

The department shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary to promptly and effectively enforce sections 1566 to 1571.

§ 1571. Penalty

Whoever violates any of the provisions of sections 1566 to 1571 or any rules and regulations made thereunder shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100, nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or by both.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$2,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1971-72	1972-73
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Administration		
All Other	\$1,000	\$1,000

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 522

AN ACT Relating to Funeral Expenses of Recipients of Public Assistance.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 3409, amended. Section 3409 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 3409. Funeral expenses

On the death of an active recipient of aid to the aged, blind or disabled, reasonable funeral expenses not exceeding ~~\$150~~ \$200 shall be paid by the State if the estate of the deceased is insufficient to pay the same.