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STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE

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Sec. 10. Reimbursement funding. 50% but not to exceed an aggregate of \$4,300,000 of any funds to be received by the State of Maine under PL 94-369; Title II of the Public Works Act of 1976 after May 1, 1977, shall be allocated to reimburse Maine cities and towns for 1973 inventory taxes lost. Such additional moneys shall be apportioned based upon the relative 1973 inventory taxes of each community to the total 1973 inventory collections of all communities.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the Preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective April 27, 1977

CHAPTER 99

AN ACT Relating to Payment of Expenses for Examination of Crime Victims.

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

30 MRSA § 507, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 415, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 507. Physical examination of crime victims

1. **Payment of expenses by district attorney.** In all cases of alleged rape, gross sexual misconduct, sexual abuse of minors and assault when serious bodily injury has been inflicted, which are reported to a law enforcement officer, the office of the district attorney of the county in which the alleged crime occurred shall pay all expenses for a physical examination of a victim of the alleged crime which is conducted for the purpose of obtaining evidence for the prosecution.

2. **Limitation.** In no event shall the office of the district attorney be liable for payment of any charges, costs or fees for an examination pursuant to subsection 1 until such time as the district attorney has received copies of all reports and records pertaining to and relevant to the examination, if the copies have been requested.

3. **Liability in damages of medical personnel for furnishing reports, records or testimony.** No physician, nurse, hospital, clinic or any other person, firm or corporation attending a victim pursuant to subsection 1 shall be liable in damages or otherwise for providing reports or records or copies thereof or

for their testimony thereto relative to any examination performed pursuant to this section when such reports, records or testimony are provided to a district attorney, a law enforcement officer or a court for the purpose of prosecuting the alleged crime, whether or not such reports, records or testimony are provided with the written authorization of the victim so examined. This limitation on liability shall apply only in the circumstances in this subsection.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 100

AN ACT Relating to Description of Recorded Mortgages.

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

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA § 551, 1st ¶, 1st sentence, as amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 166, is further amended to read:

A mortgage shall be discharged by a written instrument acknowledging the satisfaction thereof and signed and acknowledged by the mortgagee or by his executor, administrator or assignee ~~and such instrument, when recorded, shall have the same effect as a deed of release duly acknowledged and recorded.~~

Sec. 2. 33 MRSA § 551, 1st ¶, as amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 166, is further amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentences:

The instrument shall recite the name or identity of the mortgagee and mortgagor, or their successors in interest, authenticated and the record location of the mortgage discharged. The instrument, when recorded, shall have the same effect as a deed of release duly acknowledged and recorded.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 101

AN ACT to Clarify the Law as to Fraud by a Guest or Customer in a Hotel, Inn, Boarding House or Eating House.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 2702 is repealed.