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any person upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 121

AN ACT to Provide Certain Travel Expenses for County Commissioners of all Counties.

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

30 MRSA § 106, 2nd ¶, first 2 sentences, as amended by PL 1975, c. 267, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

These salaries shall be in full for all services of the commissioners, including the management of the jails. These salaries shall also be the full compensation for any expenses or travel to and from the county seat for any commissioner, except as provided in this paragraph and section 55. The county commissioners may, by majority vote, allow the payment of all necessary expenses and travel allowances to and from the county seat by commissioners who live more than 5 miles from the county seat.

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CHAPTER 122

AN ACT to Standardize the Provision of Copies of Medical Records to Patients of Hospitals.

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

22 MRSA § 1711 is enacted to read:

§ 1711. Patient access to hospital medical records

If a patient of an institution licensed as a hospital by the State, after discharge from such institution, makes written request for copies of his or her medical records, the copies shall, if available, be made available within a reasonable time unless, in the opinion of the hospital, it would be detrimental to the health of the patient to obtain the records. If the hospital is of the opinion that release of the records to the patient would be detrimental to the health of the patient, the hospital shall advise the patient that copies of the records shall be made available to the patient's authorized representative upon presentation of a proper authorization signed by the patient.