

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**CHAPTER 370**

**AN ACT to Provide that Regular Annual Reports of the Executive Branch be Made Through the Maine State Government Annual Report.**

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

5 MRSA § 45, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 436, § 4, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, every annual or biennial report required by statute to be made by any agency other than constitutional officers elected by the Legislature, the legislative and judicial branches of government, the University of Maine and the Maine Maritime Academy, to the Governor and the Legislature shall be made by inclusion of that report in the Maine State Government Annual Report. The Governor may authorize the publication of special expanded department reports in a limited quantity when justified.

Effective October 24, 1977

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**CHAPTER 371**

**AN ACT to Allow Limited Operation of an Unregistered Motor Vehicle.**

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 102, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 731, § 24, is further amended by inserting after the first sentence, the following new sentences:

Further, any officer of the State Police, any sheriff or full-time deputy sheriff, any full-time municipal police officer and certain employees of the Motor Vehicle Division so designated by the Secretary of State shall issue a permit to allow the operation of an unregistered motor vehicle only to the owner's residence or to an office of the Motor Vehicle Division for the purpose of registering the vehicle. The permit shall be issued only when the previous registration on the vehicle has expired within 30 days. The permit shall not remain valid for more than 3 consecutive days including the date of issuance. The registration shall expire on the same month as the previous registration and the registration fee shall be that of a full year registration.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 102, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 731, § 24, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

However, any person who operates or permits to be operated any vehicle

when the registration for the vehicle has expired within 30 days shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100.

Effective October 24, 1977

## CHAPTER 372

**AN ACT to Authorize County Jail Inmate Participation in Municipal Public Works Projects.**

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

Sec. 1. 34 MRSA § 1007, sub-§ 1, ¶ F is enacted to read:

F. Voluntary services for a municipality within the county in which the jail is located.

Sec. 2. 34 MRSA § 1009 is enacted to read:

§ 1009. Prisoner participation in municipal public works projects

The sheriff in charge of a county jail may, in his discretion, permit certain inmates of that jail to participate in municipal public works-related projects in the county where the jail is located. Before an inmate is permitted to participate in this type of project, the judge or justice who originally sentenced the inmate to the county jail shall sign his approval to the inmate's participation.

Any inmate participating in a municipal public works-related project under this section shall have his sentence to the jail prorated at the rate of one day removed from the sentence for every 16 hours of participation in the project.

Participation in this type of project shall not be deemed employment under section 1007, subsections 3 through 7.

Effective October 24, 1977

## CHAPTER 373

**AN ACT to Revise the Water Quality Program.**

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA § 363, 2nd ¶, 2nd sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1967, c. 475, § 4, is amended to read: