

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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securing state aid, the municipal officers shall forthwith notify the department of the amount so appropriated and shall identify the amount to be used for construction and reconstruction.

Sec. 7. **Effective date.** Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this Act shall become effective July 1, 1978.

Effective October 24, 1977, except as otherwise indicated

## CHAPTER 406

**AN ACT to Reduce the Size of the Board of Directors of the Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency and to Change the Appointment of the Executive Director.**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 3350, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 425, §§ 1 and 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

### § 3350. Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency

There is established to carry out the purpose of this chapter a Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency in the Executive Department to carry out programs of planning for more effective administration of criminal justice and for assisting local and state agencies in improving criminal justice in the State. The agency is to have those powers necessary to be designated as the "State Planning Agency" within the meaning of U.S. PL 90-351, Title 1, the "Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968," as amended, and U.S. PL 93-415, the "Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974," as amended.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 3351, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 425, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

### § 3351. Directors

The agency shall have no less than 12 nor more than 24 members appointed by the Governor, including, ex officio, the Attorney General, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections and the Chief Medical Examiner for the State. The remaining appointed members shall include representatives of units of local government, including elected officials, appointed executives and law enforcement officers; sheriffs; representatives of groups dealing with juvenile delinquency and representatives of the community generally. In addition to the foregoing, the agency shall have judicial members as provided in the Federal Act.

Agency membership shall reflect, to the degree possible, a reasonable geographical and urban-rural balance.

Appointed directors shall serve a term of 3 years. Directors shall receive their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA § 3354, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 425, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 3354. Grants to other agencies

The agency shall be authorized to make grants for planning and for improvement of criminal justice consistent with the intent of the applicable state and federal legislation, as amended, to any agency or organization in law enforcement, criminal justice administration and delinquency prevention activities. When the board approves such grants to departments and agencies of State Government, the executive director shall forward a copy of the approved grant application to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs through the Legislative Finance Office. Such information will include expected length of funding of such programs and restrictions or limitations placed on the grant application.

Sec. 4. Transitional provision. All directors appointed or reappointed after the effective date of this Act shall be appointed or reappointed for a 3-year term.

Effective October 24, 1977

## CHAPTER 407

AN ACT to Increase the Veterans Exemption for Paraplegics.

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

36 MRSA § 653, sub-§ 1, ¶ D-1, 1st sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 550, § 3, is further amended to read:

The estates up to the just value of ~~\$20,000~~ \$40,000, having a taxable situs in the place of residence, for specially adapted housing units, of veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during any federally recognized war period and who are paraplegic veterans, so called, within the meaning of the U.S. Code, Title 38, chapter 21, section 801, and who received a grant from the United States Government for such specially adapted housing, or of the unmarried widows of such veterans.

Effective October 24, 1977

## CHAPTER 408

AN ACT to Require that a Hospital Pharmacist, a Chain Pharmacist and an Independent Pharmacist be Appointed to the Board of Commissioners of Pharmacy.