

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED BY THE

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Sec. 3. 5 MRSA § 3354, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 425, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: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

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

32 MRSA § 2851, 1st ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 770, § 185, and as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 358, is amended by adding after the first sentence, the following new sentences:

At least one of the 5 pharmacists on the board shall be, at the time of appointment, actively engaged in the practice of hospital pharmacy, one member shall be actively engaged in the practice of chain pharmacy, and one member shall be actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy other than hospital or chain pharmacy. Chain pharmacy shall be defined as retail pharmacy practiced in a group of at least 4 pharmacies of common ownership which are located within the State.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 409

### AN ACT Concerning Equine Infectious Anemia.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA § 1819, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 74, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA § 1820 is enacted to read:

#### § 1820. Equine infectious anemia

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

A. The "Coggins test" is the agar gel immuno diffusion test of equine infectious anemia.

B. A "horse" is any member of the family equidae.

C. To "quarantine" is to confine to a stable or pasture whose boundaries are no closer than 200 yards from a stable or pasture of horses which have not been tested by the Coggins test or which have been tested by the Coggins test with negative results.

2. Powers of commissioner. When it comes to the attention of the Commissioner of Agriculture that a horse has been tested by the Coggins test with positive results, he shall order that horse quarantined until a veterinarian certifies that the horse is free from clinical symptoms of equine infectious anemia at the time of examination.