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**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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~~Insurance Superintendent;~~

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

Effective June 20, 1979

## CHAPTER 489

H. P. 1035 — L. D. 1272

### AN ACT to Amend the Salary Range for the State Librarian and the Executive Director of the Historic Preservation Commission.

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

**Sec. 1.** 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 4, last line, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 697, § 1, is amended to read:

Director of Public Lands;

**State Librarian.**

**Sec. 2.** 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 6, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 697, § 1, is amended to read:

**6. Range 85.** The salaries of the following state officials and employees shall be within salary range 85:

Director of Veterans Services;

Director of Civil Emergency Preparedness;

Examiner and Chief Accountant of the Public Utilities Commission;

~~State Librarian;~~

Director of the Office of Energy Resources;

**Executive Director, Historic Preservation Commission.**

**Sec. 3.** 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 8, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 697, § 1, is amended to read:

**8. Range 81.** The salaries of the following state officials and employees shall be within salary range 81:

~~Executive Director, Historic Preservation Commission;~~

Assistant Adjutant General.

Effective September 14, 1979.

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**CHAPTER 490**  
H. P. 1380 — L. D. 1605

**AN ACT to Ensure the Prompt Decision of Cases Before the Workers' Compensation Commission.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 4 MRSA § 9-B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 638, is amended by inserting at the end the following new sentence:

The committee established pursuant to this section shall also have authority to hear claims of workers' compensation commissioners as to just cause for failing to meet the requirements of Title 39, section 99-B.

**Sec. 2.** 39 MRSA § 99-B is enacted to read:

**§ 99-B. Prompt decision required**

The commissioner who hears a case pursuant to section 99 shall render his decision no later than 30 days after each party has completed presenting its case. Whenever the commissioner exceeds the limit contained in this section, compensation to him shall be forfeited effective the day after the 30th day and for each day until the decision has been issued; provided that this provision shall not apply in any case for which the commissioner has shown just cause, as determined by the committee on judicial responsibility and disability established pursuant to Title 4, section 9-B, for delay beyond 30 days.

**Sec. 3. Claims affected.** Section 2 shall be effective with regard to claims submitted for decision on or after January 1, 1980. Claims submitted prior to January 1, 1980, shall be decided no later than February 1, 1980.

Effective September 14, 1979

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**CHAPTER 491**  
H. P. 1441 — L. D. 1643

**AN ACT to Regulate the Distribution, Labeling and Sale of Plant and Soil Amendments.**