

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Senator Collins of Knox.

Cosponsor: Senator Merrill of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Appropriating Funds for Replacement Volumes of the Maine  
Revised Statutes Annotated.**

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

**Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of Director of Legislative Research for fiscal year 1977-78 the sum of \$93,000 and for fiscal year 1978-79 the sum of \$99,600 to republish replacement volumes of the Revised Statutes. Any unexpended balance shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account to be expended for the same purpose. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH		
All Other	\$93,000	\$99,600

STATEMENT OF FACT

At the time of the last "bulk" revision, so-called, of the Maine Revised Statutes in 1964, a less costly method of republishing individual replacement volumes as needed was envisioned for future updating of the statutes. Accordingly, the 106th Maine Legislature authorized funds to republish 2 volumes containing the Maine Insurance Code and the Maine Business Corporation Act, as these volumes had become so voluminous that they were no longer

convenient to use. Historically, the statutes have been completely revised every 10 years, however, except for the 2 replacement volumes published in 1973, all else has been carried forward by pocket parts and supplementary pamphlets for the past 12 years. Therefore, in keeping with the update system of publishing replacement volumes of the Revised Statutes in an economical and orderly manner, this legislation provides necessary funds for republication of 4 additional volumes which have become inconvenient to use. The bill proposes the expenditure of \$192,000 spread over a period of 2 years as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
Maine Revised Statutes		
Replacement volumes 15 and 15-A		
Professions and Occupations — Public		
Utilities and Carriers		
2 books, 1,200 sets at \$37.50 per set	\$45,000	
Replacement volumes 14 and 14-A		
Education — Elections		
2 books, 1,200 sets at \$40 per set	\$48,000	
Replacement volumes 16 and 16-A		
Taxation — Workmen's Compensation		
2 books, 1,200 sets at \$40 per set		\$48,000
Replacement volumes 2 and 2-A		
General Provisions — Agriculture and Animals		
2 books, 1,200 sets at \$43 per set		\$51,600
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TOTALS:	\$93,000	\$99,600