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## Chapter 206.

An Act to Provide for an Assistant County Attorney for the County of Androscoggin.

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

**Provision for assistant county attorney of Androscoggin county; duties; salary; term of office.** The county attorney of the county of Androscoggin may appoint an assistant, to be approved by the justice of the superior court for said county. Said assistant shall take the oath prescribed for county attorneys; and assist the county attorney in the ordinary duties of his office, in the drawing of indictments, in the hearing of complaints before the grand jury, and in the preparation and trial of criminal causes. He shall, when directed by the county attorney, act as counsel for the state in the trial of complaints, before judges of municipal and police courts and trial justices. Said assistant county attorney shall receive an annual salary of eight hundred dollars payable from the state treasury in monthly payments on the last day of each month. The assistant county attorney shall hold his office during the term of the county attorney by whom he was appointed, subject to removal at any time by the justice of the superior court for said county.

Approved April 11, 1925.

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## Chapter 207.

An Act Relating to Amateur Boxing Contests.

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

**R. S., c. 125, sec. 4; relating to participation in prize fights; provisions not to apply to certain boxing contests; conditions of such contests; amateur boxing contest, defined.** Section four of chapter one hundred and twenty-five of the revised statutes shall not apply to amateur boxing contests of not more than four rounds of three minutes each, in which new six-ounce gloves are used which have not been broken, or tampered with by pushing back the padding from the knuckles of said gloves, and where there is not more than five pounds difference in the weight of the contestants and where contestants have had a rigid physical examination by a reputable physician just prior to said contest and said physician certifies that each of said contestants is in good physical condition. Decisions may be given in such amateur boxing contests conducted by organizations incorporated under section one of chapter sixty-two of the revised statutes as amended, provided the receipts from such amateur boxing contests are to be paid into the treasury of such organization or to some public charity. For the purposes of this act an amateur boxing contest is a contest between

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boxers who never have taken cash prizes in boxing contests, in which no other prizes than medals or merchandise are awarded.

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## Chapter 208.

An Act Permitting Sterilizing Operations in Certain Cases of Mental Disease and Feeble-Mindedness.

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

**Sec. 1.** Operations of vasectomy and fallocotomy may be performed under certain conditions. That the operations of vasectomy and fallocotomy may be performed under the conditions and within the restrictions herein described, and under such provisions shall be lawful.

**Sec. 2.** Operations may be performed to prevent reproduction of feeble-mindedness or in treatment of mental disease; consent must be obtained; procedure prior to operation. When either of the recognized sterilizing operations herein referred to may be indicated for the prevention of the reproduction of further feeble-mindedness, or for the therapeutic treatment of certain forms of mental disease, physicians having the custody of such cases may recommend to the nearest relative, guardian and affected individual the advisability and necessity of such operation; and when the written consent of the patient, when mentally competent to give such consent, as well as that of the nearest relative or guardian is given, the physician having the custody aforesaid of said case shall call a counsel of two registered medical practitioners—one a physician and one a surgeon—of not less than five years' practice and not related to the patient, whose duty it shall be in conjunction with the physician in charge of the case, to examine the individual recommended for operation. Whether the person to be operated upon is mentally capable of giving his consent shall be decided by the consultants and stated in writing, with their reasons therefor, and such written statement shall be kept on file at school for feeble-minded and in case they find that the patient is mentally incapable of giving his consent, the consent of the guardian or nearest relative must be secured. If in the judgment of the consulting physicians the operation will prevent the further propagation of mental deficiency, or if in the judgment of the medical consultants the physical or mental condition of any such person will be substantially benefited thereby, then the consultants shall select a competent surgeon to perform the operation of fallocotomy or vasectomy, as the case may be, upon such person.

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