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## Chapter 154.

### AN ACT Relating to Commitment to and Length of Sentence at the Reformatory for Women.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 152, § 61, amended. Section 61 of chapter 152 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 61. Commitment; length of sentence; woman attendant in serving mittimus. When a woman over the age of 16 years, and under the age of 40 years is convicted before any court or trial justice having jurisdiction of the offense, of an offense punishable by imprisonment in the state prison, or in the county jail, or in any house of correction, such court or justice may order her commitment to the reformatory for women, or sentence her to the punishment provided by law for the same offense. When a woman is sentenced to the reformatory for women the court or trial justice imposing the sentence shall not ~~prescribe the limit thereof fix~~ the term of such commitment unless it be for a term of more than ~~five~~ 3 years; ~~but no woman committed to the reformatory upon a sentence within the prescribed limit, as aforesaid, shall be held therein for more than five years if sentenced for a felony, nor for more than three years if sentenced for a misdemeanor. If the sentence imposed upon any woman be for more than five years, she shall be so held for such longer term.~~ and the duration of such commitment, including the time spent on parole, shall not exceed 3 years, except where the maximum term specified by law for the crime for which the offender was sentenced shall exceed that period, in which event such maximum term shall be the limit of detention under the provisions of this section, and in such cases it shall be the duty of the trial court to specify the maximum term for which the offender may be held under such commitment. Upon commitment of such woman, if the officer to whom the mittimus or order of commitment is addressed is not a woman, the judge or trial justice shall in all cases when feasible designate a woman to be an attendant to accompany her to said reformatory.'

*Revisor's note: This section replaces P. L. 1933, c. 1, § 355.*

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 152, additional. Chapter 152 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section, to be numbered 66-A, and to read as follows:

'Sec. 66-A. Parole board may discharge certain paroled women. When an inmate of the reformatory for women whose term was not prescribed

by the court has been paroled and in the opinion of the superintendent thereof such inmate is no longer in need of supervision, the parole board may discharge such inmate from the reformatory.'

*Revisor's note: This section will become § 360-A of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933, since that chapter repealed and replaced former chapter 152.*

Approved March 24, 1933.

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## Chapter 155.

### AN ACT Relating to Abandonment of Property or Discontinuance of Service by Public Utilities.

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

R. S., c. 62, amended. Abandonment of property or service by public utilities. Chapter 62 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section to be designated as section 44-A:

'Sec. 44-A. Abandonment of property or service by public utilities. No public utility as defined in this chapter shall abandon all or any part of its plant, property or system necessary or useful in the performance of its duties to the public, or discontinue the service which it is rendering to the public by the use of such facilities, without first securing the approval of the public utilities commission. In granting its approval, the commission may impose such terms, conditions or requirements as in its judgment are necessary to protect the public interest. Any public utility abandoning all or any part of its plant, property, or system or discontinuing service in pursuance of authority granted by the commission under the provisions of this section shall be deemed to have waived any and all objections to the terms, conditions or requirements imposed by the commission in that regard. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any railroad corporation engaged in interstate commerce while and so long as such corporation is required by federal law to make application to and procure consent from the interstate commerce commission as a condition precedent to any such abandonment of property or discontinuance of service as is herein contemplated; nor to action under any order of a court having and exercising jurisdiction over a public utility in bankruptcy, foreclosure, or receivership proceedings.'

Approved March 24, 1933.