

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
Ninetieth and Ninety-first
Legislatures
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
From April 26, 1941 to April 9, 1943
AND MISCELLANEOUS STATE PAPERS

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said vote to stand effective until revoked at a regular annual town meeting. A town may print its annual report in 1944 on the same basis as that used in its 1943 report without a special authorizing vote and all printed town reports issued previous to the year 1944 shall be considered as having complied with the law with respect to itemization if said reports were accepted by vote of the town at its annual meeting. Such reports, if printed, and the complete report of the audit made as provided by section 100 of this chapter, both in sufficient number, shall be deposited in the office of the selectmen for distribution to the legally qualified voters of such town at least 3 days before such annual meeting; if the selectmen have no such office, then such reports in like manner shall be deposited in a convenient place of business in such town for distribution; copies of such reports shall be kept deposited in the office of the said selectmen, or if they have no such office or usual place of business, with the town clerk, with proper vouchers for the disbursements reported, where such reports and vouchers, and all the books of the town shall be open during the usual hours of business, to the inspection of voters; and if any town officer refuses or neglects to perform any requirement of this section, or refuses to allow any voter to examine such reports, vouchers, and town books, he shall be punished by a fine of \$50 for each refusal or neglect.'

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 235

AN ACT Relating to Conveyances of Municipal Airport Lands to the United States of America.

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

Sec. 1. P. L., 1931, c. 213, amended. Chapter 213 of the public laws of 1931, as amended by section 3 of chapter 308 of the public laws of 1939 and by chapter 173 of the public laws of 1941 is hereby further amended by the addition thereto of the following provisions:

'Sec. 7. Sales of land. Any city or town which has acquired lands pursuant to sections 1 and 3 of this chapter, as amended, shall have power to convey any or all of the same to the United States of America for a nominal consideration to be used for military airports, landing fields and reservations, subject to the right of any such city or town to repurchase the same for the sum of \$1 within 90 days after the secretary of war formally declares that there is no further military necessity for federal ownership thereof.'

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Sec. 2. Validating clause. All conveyances of airport lands by cities and towns to the United States of America for military purposes before this act takes effect are declared to be valid.

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 236

AN ACT Relating to Procuring or Attempting to Procure Abortion or a Miscarriage.

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

R. S., c. 135, § 9, amended. Section 9 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 9. Procuring or attempting to procure abortion, or miscarriage; penalties. Whoever administers to any woman pregnant with child, whether such child is quick or not, any medicine, drug, or other substance, or uses any instrument or other means, unless the same was done as necessary for the preservation of the mother's life, shall be punished, if done with intent to destroy such child and thereby it was destroyed before birth, by a fine of not more than \$1,000 ~~or~~ and by imprisonment for not more than 5 years; but if done with intent to procure the miscarriage of such woman, by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and by imprisonment for less than 1 year, and any person consenting and aiding or assisting shall be liable to like punishment.'

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 237

AN ACT Relating to Commitment of the Insane.

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

P. L., 1939, c. 267, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 267 of the public laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Examination of insane persons. No person shall be declared insane or sent to any institution for the insane by municipal officers or by a judge of probate, or by any other person or persons constituting a board of examiners charged with authority to inquire into the condition of a person alleged to be insane, unless the person alleged to be insane shall first have been examined by 2 reputable physicians, each of whom shall have