

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
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Legislatures
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
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CHAP. 237

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

been a duly licensed and practicing physician in this state ~~for a period of 5 years or more~~, who shall be appointed by said municipal officers or by the probate judge, or by any examining board before whom proceedings are held, and neither of whom or of said members shall be related to the person alleged to be insane or related to the person or persons making complaint, and such physicians shall have certified that the person examined is in fact insane.'

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 238

AN ACT Relating to the Signature of the Treasurer of State and Endorsement of Bonds in the State Treasury.

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

Sec. 1. Signature of outgoing treasurer of state valid. The facsimile signature of the treasurer of state who is leaving office shall be valid until new signature plates for the signing of checks have been obtained for his successor.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 2, § 83, repealed. Section 83 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 239

AN ACT Relating to Bonds of Probation Officers.

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

R. S., c. 147, § 10, amended. Section 10 of chapter 147 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

'The county commissioners shall require the probation officer to give corporate surety bond to the county in such sum as the county commissioners shall approve, conditioned that he shall, during his term of office, faithfully perform all the duties of his office.'

Effective July 9, 1943