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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-fourth Legislature

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## Chapter 65

### AN ACT Relating to Motor Vehicle Registration for Amputee Veterans.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Public Law 663, 79th Congress, as amended, authorizes the Veterans Administration to supply free automobiles to certain amputee veterans of World War II; and

Whereas, automobiles have been given free, under said law, to 142 amputee veterans of Maine, who now must, under existing legislation, assume the personal expense of paying the registration fee on said automobiles before they may enjoy the use of them; and

Whereas, said registration fee must be paid prior to March 1st in order to register said automobiles for the current year; and

Whereas, the people of Maine recognize the fact that all they own and all the privileges which they continue to enjoy, they owe to those who have defended them on the field of battle; and that these amputee veterans should not, by state law, be put to any expense in enjoying the use of free automobiles given to them by a grateful federal government; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 19, § 13, amended.** Section 13 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapters 162 and 191 of the public laws of 1945 and by chapter 35 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further amended by inserting before the last paragraph thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

‘Provided, however, that the secretary of state, on application for registration of any motor vehicle of any amputee veteran who has been the recipient of an automobile from the United States government under authority of P. L. 663, 79th Congress, as amended, or any amputee veteran receiving compensation from the Veterans Administration for service connected disability who shall have a specially designed motor vehicle, and who is otherwise qualified to operate a motor vehicle in this state, shall be entitled

to have said automobile duly registered and a registration certificate delivered to him without the requirement of the payment of any fee.'

**Sec. 2. Effective date; refunds.** The provisions of this act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1949. The secretary of state is hereby authorized and directed to make such refunds as may be appropriate to give effect to the provisions of this act.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective March 16, 1949

## Chapter 66

### AN ACT Relating to Money Held in Trust for Cemetery Purposes.

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

**R. S., c. 54, § 17, amended.** Section 17 of chapter 54 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 17. Cities and towns may hold money in trust for cemetery purposes.** Any person owning or interested in a lot or lots in a public burying-ground of a city or town may deposit with the treasurer of such city or town a sum of money ~~not exceeding \$500~~ for the purpose of providing for the preservation and care of such lot or lots, or ~~its~~ their appurtenances, which sum shall be entered upon the books of the treasurer, and invested and held in accordance with the provisions of section 106 of chapter 80.'

Effective August 6, 1949

## Chapter 67

### AN ACT Relating to the Maine State Prison.

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

**R. S., c. 23, § 27, amended.** Section 27 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph at the end thereof, to read as follows: