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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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in no event shall the body of a deceased person be cremated until the person, firm or corporation in charge of the cremation has received a certificate from a duly appointed medical examiner that he has made personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death and is satisfied that no further examination or judicial inquiry concerning the same is necessary. Such certificate shall be retained by the person, firm or corporation in charge of the cremation for a period of 3 years. For said certificate the medical examiner shall receive a fee of \$5 payable by the person requesting same.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 163

AN ACT Relating to Hospital Aid.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 16-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 16-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 16-A. Responsible relatives defined; duty of hospitals. The spouse, parents and adult children of a person receiving hospital care shall, if of sufficient ability, be responsible for the hospital bill of such person. The hospital furnishing care to a person may recover the amount due for such care from a responsible relative in an action on the case.

Hospitals shall make every reasonable attempt to arrange for payment by the responsible relatives or the person hospitalized before making application for hospital aid.

Hospitals making application for hospital aid must submit to the department such information as the department deems necessary concerning the financial condition of the responsible relatives and of the person hospitalized.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 164

AN ACT Relating to Driving of Deer.

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

R. S., c. 33, § 83, amended. Section 83 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 83. **Horning or driving deer prohibited.** It shall be unlawful to drive deer by use of horns, whistles or other noise-making devices. ~~It shall also be unlawful for any person to hunt deer after he has killed one during the open season of that calendar year.~~ It shall be unlawful for more than 8 persons to participate in a joint hunt for deer, wherein an effort is made to drive deer.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 165

AN ACT Relating to Preference in State Employment for Veterans.

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

R. S., c. 59, § 12-A, repealed and replaced. Section 12-A of chapter 59 of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 360 of the public laws of 1945, and as amended, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 12-A. **Preference in state employment for veterans.** Hereafter in making appointments to any position on an open competitive basis in the classified service, preference in appointment as hereinafter provided shall be given to honorably discharged male and female veterans and widows of such, and to the wives of disabled veterans who themselves are not qualified but whose wives are qualified to hold such positions. The classes of veteran preference shall be as follows:

I. Five-point preference is so called because, for this class, 5 points are added to earned qualifying ratings in examination. Any veteran who has performed active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the United States during any war is entitled to 5-point preference upon honorable discharge or release therefrom.

A. Five-point preference is also accorded to unmarried widows of deceased veterans who performed active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the United States during any war, and were honorably discharged or released therefrom.

II. Ten-point preference is a term applying to veteran preference which entitles the holder to an addition of 10 points to earned qualifying ratings in examination. The classes of 10-point preference are as follows: