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AS PASSED BY THE

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reasonable consideration or for the purpose of qualifying for such assistance, shall forfeit all right to receive assistance under the provisions of sections 256 to 274, inclusive.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 288, amended. Section 288 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 288. Disqualification of applicant. Any applicant for aid to the blind who divests himself directly or indirectly of any property after January 1, 1950 without reasonable consideration or for the purpose of qualifying for such aid shall forfeit all right to receive aid to the blind under the provisions of sections 275 to 293, inclusive.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 280

AN ACT Relating to Expending Aroostook County Funds for Ricker College.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Ricker College being the only college in northern Maine that furnishes the opportunity for a college education at modest cost to great numbers of deserving youths of Aroostook county; and

Whereas, even though Ricker College tuition was, for the college year 1952-53 increased to the highest level consistent with sound operating practice, yet operational costs of the college exceed income; and

Whereas, Ricker College has at present no income whatever from endowment; and

Whereas, unless additional income, to the extent of at least \$10,000 per year may be found, Ricker College will have to close its doors; and

Whereas, such an eventuality would result in the denial of college educational opportunities to large numbers of Aroostook county youths; and

Whereas, education is an eminently proper purpose for the expenditure of county funds; and

Whereas, the immediate need for such additional funds is urgent if Ricker College is to continue to operate; and

Whereas, in the opinion of the legislature, these facts render the immediate passage of this act necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and constitute an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine; now therefore,

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

R. S., c. 79, § 15-C, additional. Chapter 79 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 15-C, to read as follows:

'Sec. 15-C. Appropriation for college education in Aroostook county. Aroostook county may expend not exceeding the sum of \$10,000 for the year 1953 and \$10,000 for the year 1954 for Ricker College, to be paid to the treasurer of said college and to be expended by the trustees of Ricker College for general operations.'

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

Effective April 30, 1953

Chapter 281

AN ACT Relating to Fire Inspection of Hospitals and Boarding Homes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 4, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 4 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentences:

'No such license shall be issued until the applicant has furnished the department with a written statement signed by the insurance commissioner or the proper municipal official designated in chapter 85 to make fire safety inspections that the home and premises comply with the provisions of said chapter 85 relating to fire safety. The department shall establish and pay reasonable fees to the municipal official or the insurance commissioner for each such inspection. Said written statement shall be furnished annually thereafter.'