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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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'Provided, however, that a domestic mutual insurance company doing its direct business entirely within the state of Maine shall be examined biennially.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 56, § 272, amended. The last sentence of the 1st paragraph of section 272 of chapter 56 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 6 of chapter 15 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Every insurance company shall also pay all traveling expenses incurred by order of the commissioner in making the examination required by law, except, however, that a domestic mutual insurance company doing its direct business entirely within the state of Maine shall not be required to pay any of the expenses of the examination.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 300

AN ACT Relating to Penalty for Selling Narcotic Drugs to Minors.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 125, § 12, amended. Section 12 of chapter 125 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 12. Selling or giving intoxicating liquor to any child under 16 years. Whoever sells or gives to any child under the age of 16 years, or furnishes any such child with intoxicating liquor ~~or narcotic drugs in any form~~ or encourages such child to use the same, unless prescribed by a physician or otherwise used in case of sickness, shall be deemed guilty of encouraging, causing or contributing to the delinquency or distress of such child and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 60 days.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 125, § 12-A, additional. Chapter 125 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 12-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 12-A. Selling narcotic drugs to children. Whcever sells, gives, administers or dispenses or conspires to sell, give, administer or dispense marijuana or any substance defined as a narcotic drug under laws of this

state, unless prescribed by a physician or otherwise used in case of sickness, to any person under the age of 18, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 20 years, and in addition by a fine of not more than \$1,000.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 301

AN ACT Relating to a Method of Creating Joint Tenancies in Real Property.

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

R. S., c. 154, § 13, amended. Section 13 of chapter 154 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph :

'A conveyance of real property by the owner thereof to himself and another or others as joint tenants or with the right of survivorship, or which otherwise indicates by appropriate language the intent to create a joint tenancy between himself and such other or others by such conveyance, shall create an estate in joint tenancy in the property so conveyed between all of the grantees, including the grantor. Estates in joint tenancy so created shall have and possess all of the attributes and incidents of estates in joint tenancy created or existing at common law and the rights and liabilities of the tenants in estates in joint tenancy so created shall be the same as in estates in joint tenancy created or existing at common law.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 302

AN ACT Relating to Definition of Elevator Under Board of Elevator Rules.

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

R. S., c. 25, § 99-B, amended. The second paragraph of section 99-B of chapter 25 of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 374 of the public laws of 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows: