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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-sixth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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earnings or salary, but not more than ~~27~~ \$27 nor less than ~~15~~ \$15 a week; and in no case shall the period covered by such compensation be greater than 500 weeks from the date of the accident, nor the amount more than ~~9,000~~ \$10,500. In the following cases it shall, for the purposes of this act, be conclusively presumed that the injury resulted in permanent total incapacity: the total and irrevocable loss of sight in both eyes, the loss of both hands at or above the wrist, the loss of both feet at or above the ankle, the loss of 1 hand and 1 foot, an injury to the spine resulting in permanent and complete paralysis of the arms or legs, and an injury to the skull resulting in incurable imbecility or insanity.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 26, § 12, amended. Section 12 of chapter 26 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 12. Compensation for partial incapacity. While the incapacity for work resulting from the injury is partial, the employer shall pay the injured employee a weekly compensation equal to 2/3 the difference, due to said injury, between his average weekly wages, earnings or salary before the accident and the weekly wages, earnings or salary which he is able to earn thereafter, but not more than ~~27~~ \$27 a week; and in no case shall the period covered by such compensation be greater than 300 weeks from the date of the accident.'

Sec. 3. Effective date. This act shall become effective on November 30, 1953.

Effective November 30, 1953

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## Chapter 358

### AN ACT Relating to Charges for Medical Examination by Applicants for Employment.

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

R. S., c. 25, § 36-B, amended. Section 36-B of chapter 25 of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 394 of the public laws of 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 36-B. Charge for medical examination by employer prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any employer to require any employee or accepted applicant for employment to bear the medical expense of an examination when such examination is ordered or required by the employer. Any em-

ployer who violates the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$50 for each and every violation. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of labor and industry to enforce the provisions of this section.'

Effective August 8, 1953

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## Chapter 359

AN ACT to Provide for the Approval of Degree-Granting Institutions.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 124-A, additional. Chapter 37 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 124-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 124-A. Approval of degree-granting institutions. Any educational institution seeking authority to grant any educational, literary or academic degree shall make application to the secretary of state, in a manner prescribed by him, not later than the May 1st immediately preceding the legislative session.

Upon notification from the secretary of state, it shall be the duty of the commissioner of education to obtain full information regarding the merit of the institution to confer the degree. He shall use those standards which are commonly accepted in the accreditation of American educational institutions; and shall prepare for the use of the legislature a report regarding the adequacy of the institution's buildings, instructional facilities, and provisions for the safety and well-being of students; the qualifications of the faculty; the character of the program of studies and of the requirements for award of diplomas; practices in the admission of students; the adequacy of financial resources; and the governing policies of the institution. The report, with recommendations of the state board of education, shall be delivered to the secretary of state at least 10 days before the opening of the regular legislative session.

Any institution not previously authorized to confer a degree must have been in regular operation at least 2 years before the legislature grants authority to confer a degree.

An institution authorized to confer a degree shall inform the commissioner of education of any substantial reduction in its educational program or resources available to students. If in the judgment of the state