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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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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

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

board of education these changes are sufficient to warrant review of the institution's authority to confer degrees, it shall be the duty of the commissioner to report these changes to the current membership of the legislative committee which originally considered the measure.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 360

AN ACT Relating to Expenditure of Potato Tax Funds.

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

R. S., c. 14, § 215, sub-§ IV, amended. Subsection IV of section 215 of chapter 14 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence:

'The commission may expend annually a sum of money not in excess of \$10,000 for the purpose of enforcing laws relating to the branding of potatoes.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 361

AN ACT Designating Fluoride Poisoning as an Occupational Disease.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 26, § 69, amended. Section 69 of chapter 26 of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 338 of the public laws of 1945, as amended by section 1 of chapter 261 of the public laws of 1951, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

<p>'15. Fluoride Poisoning or its Sequelae.</p>	<p>15. Any process involving direct exposure to fluorides.'</p>
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Sec. 2. Effective date. This act shall become effective on November 30, 1953.

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