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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-sixth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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Sec. 312. Commissioner's orders, how enforced. Whoever, without reasonable excuse, fails to appear when summoned as a witness, or refuses to answer a lawful and pertinent question, or refuses to produce a book or writing when directed to do so by the person lawfully conducting a hearing or investigation, or reports himself in a disrespectful or disorderly manner at such inquiry, or obstructs the proceedings by any means, whether or not he be in the presence of the person lawfully conducting the inquiry, or wilfully neglects or refuses to obey any lawful order of the person conducting the inquiry is guilty of contempt and may be dealt with as follows: the commissioner, or other person lawfully conducting the inquiry, may address to a justice of the supreme judicial court or the superior court a petition, setting forth under oath the facts constituting the contempt and asking for an order returnable in not less than 2 nor more than 5 days, directing the alleged contemner to show cause before the justice who signed the order, or before any other justice of the supreme judicial court or superior court to whom the order may be made returnable, why he should not be punished for contempt; upon the return of such order, the justice before whom the matter shall come on for hearing shall examine under oath the alleged contemner and the alleged contemner shall be given an opportunity to be heard; and if the justice shall determine that the respondent has committed any alleged contempt, the justice may punish the offender as if the contempt had occurred in an action arising in or pending in said court.'

Effective August 8, 1953

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## Chapter 381

### AN ACT Relating to Funeral Expenses of Deceased Recipients of Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 269, amended. Section 269 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 269. Funeral expenses. On the death of a recipient, reasonable funeral expenses not exceeding ~~\$100~~ \$125 shall be paid by the state if the estate of the deceased is insufficient to pay the same.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 291, amended. Section 291 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 291. **Funeral expenses.** On the death of a recipient, reasonable funeral expenses not exceeding ~~\$100~~ \$125 shall be paid by the state if the estate of the deceased is insufficient to pay the same.'

Effective August 8, 1953

## Chapter 382

**AN ACT Permitting Parole for Lifers After Thirty Years' Imprisonment.**

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

R. S., c. 136, § 12, amended. The 1st sentence of section 12 of chapter 136 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The provisions of sections 11 to 26, inclusive, shall ~~not~~ apply to any person convicted of an offense the only punishment for which prescribed by law is imprisonment for life, ~~not~~ providing such person has never been convicted of any other capital crime, but such person may be eligible to parole after serving 30 years' imprisonment. The provisions of sections 11 to 26, inclusive, shall not apply to any person convicted of an offense under the provisions of sections 10, 11 or 12 of chapter 117 or under the provisions of section 6 of chapter 121.'

Effective August 8, 1953

## Chapter 383

**AN ACT Relating to Hunting with Bow and Arrow in Piscataquis and Waldo Counties.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 33, § 96-A, repealed and replaced. Section 96-A of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 96-A. **Open season.** There shall be an annual open season on deer in all counties of the state, except that portion of Piscataquis county south of the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway and all of Waldo county, beginning on the 1st Monday of October for a period of 15 days including