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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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 R. S., c. 33, § 96-A, repealed and replaced. Section 96-A of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: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

such 1st Monday, for the purpose of hunting deer with bow and arrow only.'

Sec. 2. P. L., 1953, c. 172, § 1, repealed; limitation. Section 1 of chapter 172 of the public laws of 1953 heretofore passed by this legislature repealing and replacing section 96-A of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby repealed and shall not be printed as part of the session laws of 1953.

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 384

AN ACT Declaring All Court Papers, Books and Records Pertaining to Adoption Confidential and Providing for Release Thereof.

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

R. S., c. 145, § 37-A, additional. Chapter 145 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 37-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 37-A. Adoption records made confidential. All probate court records relating to any adoption decreed on or after the effective date of this act are declared to be confidential. The probate courts shall keep the records of such adoptions segregated from all other court records. Such adoption records may be examined only upon authorization by the judge of the probate court. In any case where it is considered proper that such examination be authorized, the judge may in lieu of such examination, or in addition thereto, grant authority to the register of probate to disclose any information contained in such records by letter, certificate or copy of the record.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 385

AN ACT Relating to Certain Tax Exemptions for Amputee Veterans.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Public Law 663, 79th Congress, as amended, and Public Law 187, 82nd Congress, as amended, authorizes the