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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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'Sec. 94-A. Exception. The provisions of sections 89 to 94, inclusive, shall not apply to the county of Kennebec.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 109

AN ACT Relating to Eligibility for Aid for Veterans and Their Dependents.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 26, § 10, sub-§ II, amended. Subsection II of section 10 of chapter 26 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'II. The term "child" shall be construed to mean a child under the age of 16, or over age 16 and under age 18 if found by the Division to be regularly attending school, or over 16 and not attending school if, prior to reaching age 16, the child becomes or has become permanently incapable of self-support by reason of mental or physical defect, and shall include a foster child, a legitimate or legally adopted child of the veteran, or a stepchild if a member of the veteran's household either at time of application, or in the event of the veteran's death, at time of death, and who continues a member of the household, or an illegitimate child, provided that the veteran has been judicially ordered or decreed by the court to contribute to the child's support, or has been judicially decreed to be the putative father or has acknowledged under oath in writing that he is the father of such child.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 26, § 10, sub-§ III, amended. Subsection III of section 10 of chapter 26 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'III. The term "parent" shall mean the father or mother of a veteran with whom the veteran lived during his minority and for whom he would be legally responsible under the laws of the State; or the foster father or mother of a veteran.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 110

AN ACT Regulating the Taking of Marine Worms.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 38, § 125-A, additional. Chapter 38 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 125-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 125-A. Marine worms, taking. It shall be lawful for any person, firm or corporation, who legally possesses a commercial shellfish and marine worm license, to dig, take, buy or sell marine worms, clamworms, bloodworms and sandworms in any tidewater area of the State, except those areas which are closed to all digging for the conservation of marine worms by the Department.'

No area shall be closed for the purpose of conservation to the digging or taking of marine worms, clamworms, bloodworms and sandworms except as provided in section 5.'

Sec. 2. Amendatory clause. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended to conform thereto.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 111

AN ACT Relating to Medical Care for Public Assistance Recipients.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves passed by the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, a larger amount of federal matching funds will be available and administration of the act will be facilitated if it becomes effective with the start of the fiscal year; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., c. 25, § 319-U, additional. Chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 319-U, to read as follows:

'Medical Care for Public Assistance.

Sec. 319-U. Medical care accumulation fund; rules and regulations; shall not lapse. The Department is authorized to establish a medical care accumulation fund to be used solely for the payment of medical, hospital or remedial care costs of recipients of public assistance under the provisions of this chapter. The fund shall be created by periodic payments into it based on a monthly amount per case as determined by the Department, which monthly amount may be paid into the fund even though the monthly amount added to the assistance payment exceeds the maximum assistance payment in this particular category. Said payment shall be made from the respective appropriations for the four public assistance categories and from federal grants available under the provisions of the Social Security Act as heretofore and hereafter amended. The payments out of the fund of the costs of medical, hospital or remedial care shall be made to those persons furnishing such services.

The Department is authorized and empowered to make all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of and expenditures from said fund.

The medical care accumulation fund shall not lapse but shall be a continuing fund so long as federal grants are available to match the State's contribution.