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### ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

# Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE

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### PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Ninety-seventh Legislature

1955

**CHAP. 174** 

PUBLIC LAWS, 1955

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

R. S., c. 10, § 21-A, additional. Chapter 10 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 21-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 21-A. Rules and regulations declared lawful. Rules and regulations duly and properly promulgated by the various Departments, Boards, Bureaus, Agencies and Commissions of the State as authorized under the provisions of laws contained in the Revised Statutes of 1944, and acts supplemental or amendatory thereto, and which were in effect on December 30, 1954, are hereby declared to be lawful and in effect.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as depriving the various Departments, Boards, Bureaus, Agencies and Commissions of the right to amend, revise or otherwise change their rules and regulations in accordance with existing law in their present form or as amended or supplemented.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective April 11, 1955

#### Chapter 173

AN ACT Relating to Inheritance Tax Bonds.

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

R. S., c. 155, § 21, amended. The third sentence of section 21 of chapter 155 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Whenever an administration bond is waived by testamentary provision or by the assent of interested parties, the judge of probate, notwithstanding such waiver, before granting letters testamentary or of administration may, and if in his judgment the amount of any bequest or distributive share of the estate may be subject to a tax as unless he shall find that any inheritance or estate tax due and to become due the State is reasonably secured by the lien upon real estate hereinbefore provided shall, require a bond payable to him or his successor sufficient to secure the payment of all inheritance taxes and interest conditioned in substance to pay all inheritance and estate taxes due to the State from the estate of the deceased with interest thereon.'

Effective August 20, 1955

#### Chapter 174

AN ACT Relating to the Duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture Re Sardine Canning Inspection Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 32, § 258, amended. Section 258 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence: