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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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'Sec. 27-A. Power of officers; uniforms. Employees of the Maine State Prison shall have the same power and authority as sheriffs in their respective counties, only insofar as apprehending escapees from Maine State Prison is concerned, when so authorized by the warden. Employees of the State Prison shall be provided, at the expense of the State, with distinctive uniforms, for use when requisite to the performance of their official duties, all of which shall remain the property of the State. When on duty to enforce the orders of the warden, as stated above, prison employees shall be in uniform.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 183

### AN ACT Relating to Trespass Upon Lands Appurtenant to Maine State Prison.

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

R. S., c. 131, § 37, amended. Section 37 of chapter 131 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 37. Trespass upon lands appurtenant to certain State institutions. Whoever willfully trespasses upon lands which belong to the State and are appurtenant to the Pownal State School, Reformatory for Women, Reformatory for Men, State School for Girls ~~or~~, State School for Boys or the Maine State Prison, or whoever shall unlawfully interfere with the inmates of any of said institutions, or, after notice from an officer of any of said institutions to leave said lands, remains thereon, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 184

### AN ACT Relating to Registration Fees for Certain Motor Vehicles Used for Commercial Purposes.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 13, amended. The 11th paragraph of section 13 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'All motor vehicles owned and used by the State, any municipal corporation therein and all vehicles owned by an organized volunteer fire department and used exclusively for fire fighting purposes shall be registered, but shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter as to payment of registration fees **except that when such vehicles are leased or rented for commercial purposes they shall be subject to payment of the fees as provided in this chapter;** but all such vehicles shall display registration plates as required by this chapter or approved by the Secretary of State. Provided, however, that all motor vehicles and trailers owned by the State and under the supervision of the State Highway Commission shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter as to registration and pay-

ment of registration fees. Such motor vehicles and trailers shall display a marker or insignia approved by the Secretary of State.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 185

### AN ACT to Revise the Laws Relating to the State Library.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 42, § 10, repealed. Section 10 of chapter 42 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed, as follows:

~~'Sec. 10. Index section. The librarian shall also establish and maintain an index section. This section shall have charge of all indexing in connection with the work of the library and such other indexing as the legislature and the governor and council may direct.'~~

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 42, § 11, amended. The 1st sentence of section 11 of chapter 42 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The Maine State Library shall give advice to all school, State, institutional, ~~free and~~ public and county law libraries, and to all communities in the State which may propose to establish libraries, as to the best means of establishing and administering them, selecting and cataloging books and other details of library management, and may send its employees to aid in organizing such libraries or assist in the improvement of those already established.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 42, § 14, amended. Section 14 of chapter 42 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 14. Biennial report. The Librarian shall report to the Legislature biennially the receipts and expenditures on account of the library, the number of ~~books, maps and charts acquired~~ acquisitions during the 2 preceding years, specifying those obtained by purchase, donation and exchange and shall make in such report suggestions in relation to the improvement of the Library.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 42, § 16, amended. Section 16 of chapter 42 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 16. Public documents distributed. All Maine reports, digests, statutes, codes and laws, printed or purchased by the State and ~~hereafter~~ previously distributed by law to the several towns and plantations within the State, shall be and remain the property of the State and shall be held in trust by such towns or plantations for the sole use of the inhabitants thereof.'

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 42, § 17, amended. The 4th sentence of section 17 of chapter 42 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'At least ~~75~~ 80 copies of these reports shall be delivered to the Librarian of the Maine State Library, immediately upon receipt by the Superintendent of Public Printing, for exchange, library use and general distribution; and the balance of the number of each report shall be delivered by said Superintendent to the