

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

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# STATE OF MAINE

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the effective date have been so filed or the effective date specified in said agreement has arrived, the separate existence of all of the constituent corporations or all of such constituent corporations except the one into which such constituent corporations shall have been consolidated shall cease; and the constituent corporations, whether consolidated into a new corporation or merged into one of such constituent corporations, as the case may be, shall become the consolidated corporation by the name provided in said agreement, possessing all the rights, privileges, powers, franchises and immunities as well of a public as of a private nature, and being subject to all the liabilities, restrictions and duties of each of such corporations so consolidated and all and singular the rights, privileges, powers, franchises and immunities of each of said corporations and all property, real, personal and mixed, wheresoever located, and all debts due to any of said constituent corporations on whatever account, and all other things in action of or belonging to each of said corporations shall be vested in the consolidated corporation; and all property, rights, privileges, powers, franchises and immunities and all and every other interest shall be thereafter as effectually the property of the consolidated corporation as they were of the several and respective constituent corporations and the title to any real estate, whether by deed or otherwise, under the laws of this State, vested in any of such constituent corporations, shall not revert or be in any way impaired by reason thereof, provided that all rights of creditors and all liens upon the property of any of said constituent corporations shall be preserved unimpaired, limited to the property affected by such liens at the time of the consolidation, and all debts, liabilities and duties of the respective constituent corporations shall thenceforth attach to said consolidated corporation and may be enforced against it to the same extent as if said debts, liabilities and duties had been incurred or contracted by it.

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 358

### AN ACT to Require Public Buildings to be Safely Constructed.

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

R. S., c. 97, §§ 48-A - 48-B, additional. Chapter 97 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 48-A and 48-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 48-A. Construction permit, when required. No person, firm or corporation shall construct a public building, schoolhouse, hospital, convalescent home, nursing home, theater or other place of public assembly to which admission is to be charged or any building to be state owned or operated, without first obtaining from the Insurance Commissioner a permit therefor; and if any such building be damaged by fire or otherwise to the extent of 50% or more, no person, firm or corporation shall repair or reconstruct such building without first obtaining from the Insurance Commissioner a permit therefor. A request for a permit shall be accompanied by a true copy of the plans and specifications for such construction or reconstruction. The Commissioner shall issue a permit only if the plans comply with statutes and lawful regulations promulgated to reduce fire hazards.

Sec. 48-B. Penalty. Whoever shall construct or reconstruct a public building, schoolhouse, hospital, convalescent home, nursing home, theater or other

place of public assembly to which admission is to be charged or any building to be owned or operated by the State, without first obtaining the permit required by the preceding section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 359

**AN ACT Making Supplemental Appropriations for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1956 and June 30, 1957, and to provide Additional Revenue to General Fund.**

**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, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of departments and institutions will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1955; and

Whereas, the essential needs of State Government, particularly as they relate to the services rendered by the State Departments of Education, Health and Welfare and Institutional Service, require that additional revenue be raised by this Legislature; and

Whereas, the revenue to be collected under the provisions of this Act may not be sufficient to provide for said needs during the next fiscal biennium unless the tax is imposed at the beginning of the next fiscal year, namely, July 1, 1955; 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:*

**Sec. 1. Appropriations for necessary expenditures of government.** In order to provide for the necessary expenditures of government and for other purposes for the next two fiscal years—from July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956, and from July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957—the following sums or as much thereof as shall severally be found necessary, as designated in the following tabulations, are hereby appropriated out of any monies in the general fund not otherwise appropriated. Upon receipt of allotments duly approved by the Governor and Council based upon work programs submitted to the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, the State Controller shall authorize expenditures of these appropriations and revenues accruing thereto, together with expenditures for other purposes necessary to the conduct of state government on the basis of such allotments and not otherwise.