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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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## Chapter 366

### AN ACT Relating to Overweight of Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 111, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 111 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Any person who violates any provision of section 109 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor on account of each such violation, and for each violation of which convicted shall be punished by a fine and costs of court which fine and costs of court shall not be suspended, of

\$20 and costs of court when the gross weight is in excess of the limits prescribed in section 109, provided such excess is intentional and is 1,000 pounds or over but less than 2,000 pounds, and the above provision as to intent shall apply only to such excess as is less than 2,000 pounds;

\$40 and costs of court when such excess is 2,000 pounds or over but less than 3,000 pounds;

\$80 and costs of court when such excess is 3,000 pounds or over but less than 4,000 pounds;

\$150 and costs of court when such excess is 4,000 pounds or over but less than 5,000 pounds;

\$200 and costs of court when such excess is 5,000 pounds or over but less than 6,000 pounds;

\$250 and costs of court when such excess is 6,000 pounds or over but less than 8,000 pounds;

\$300 and costs of court when such excess is 8,000 pounds or over but less than 10,000 pounds;

Not less than \$350, and costs of court and not more than \$500 and costs of court when such excess is 10,000 pounds or over.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 367

### AN ACT Relating to Weekly Benefits for Total Unemployment Under Employment Security Law.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, economic insecurity due to unemployment is a serious menace to the health, welfare and morals of the people of the State of Maine; and

Whereas, involuntary unemployment is a subject of general interest and concern; and

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Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D
16.	\$100.00 up to \$299.99	\$3.00	\$60.00
17.	\$300.00 up to \$499.99	\$4.00	\$80.00
18.	\$500.00 up to \$699.99	\$5.00	\$100.00
19.	\$700.00 up to \$899.99	\$6.00	\$120.00
20.	\$900.00 and over	\$7.00	\$140.00

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D
1.	\$ 0.00 up to \$ 299.99	None	None
2.	300.00 up to 399.99	\$ 6.00	\$138.00
3.	400.00 up to 499.99	9.00	207.00
4.	500.00 up to 599.99	10.00	230.00
5.	600.00 up to 699.99	11.00	253.00
6.	700.00 up to 799.99	12.00	276.00
7.	800.00 up to 899.99	13.00	299.00
8.	900.00 up to 999.99	14.00	322.00
9.	1000.00 up to 1099.99	15.00	345.00
10.	1100.00 up to 1199.99	16.00	368.00
11.	1200.00 up to 1299.99	17.00	391.00
12.	1300.00 up to 1399.99	18.00	414.00
13.	1400.00 up to 1499.99	19.00	437.00
14.	1500.00 up to 1599.99	20.00	460.00
15.	1600.00 up to 1699.99	21.00	483.00
16.	1700.00 up to 1849.99	22.00	506.00
17.	1850.00 up to 1999.99	23.00	529.00
18.	2000.00 up to 2149.99	24.00	552.00
19.	2150.00 up to 2299.99	25.00	575.00
20.	2300.00 up to 2449.99	26.00	598.00
21.	2450.00 up to 2599.99	27.00	621.00
22.	2600.00 up to 2749.99	28.00	644.00
23.	2750.00 up to 2899.99	29.00	667.00
24.	2900.00 and over	30.00	690.00'

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the following legislation be effective April 1, 1955 to lighten the burden which falls so heavily upon the unemployed worker and his family; 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. 29, § 13, sub-§ II, amended. Subsection II of section 13 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'II. Weekly benefit amount for total unemployment. On and after April 1, ~~1953~~ 1955, each eligible individual who is totally unemployed in any week shall be paid with respect to such week, benefits at the rate shown in column (C) of the schedule below on the line on which in column (A) there is indicated the individual's wage class and such rate shall be the individual's weekly benefit amount; and the maximum total amount of benefits payable to any eligible individual during any benefit year shall be the amount listed in column (D). The individual's wage class shall be determined by the total amount of wages paid to him for insured work, during his base period as shown in column (B).

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D
1. \$ 0 up to \$ 399.99	None	None	
2. 400.00 up to 499.99	\$ 9.00	\$180.00	
3. 500.00 up to 599.99	10.00	200.00	
4. 600.00 up to 699.99	11.00	220.00	
5. 700.00 up to 799.99	12.00	240.00	
6. 800.00 up to 899.99	13.00	260.00	
7. 900.00 up to 999.99	14.00	280.00	
8. 1000.00 up to 1099.99	15.00	300.00	
9. 1100.00 up to 1199.99	16.00	320.00	
10. 1200.00 up to 1299.99	17.00	340.00	
11. 1300.00 up to 1424.99	18.00	360.00	
12. 1425.00 up to 1549.99	19.00	380.00	
13. 1550.00 up to 1699.99	20.00	400.00	
14. 1700.00 up to 1949.99	21.00	420.00	
15. 1950.00 up to 2099.99	22.00	440.00	

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

Effective May 17, 1955

## Chapter 368

### AN ACT Exempting Towns from the Use Fuel Tax.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 16, § 170, amended. The 5th paragraph of section 170 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Person” shall mean and include natural persons and partnerships, firms, associations, corporations, both public and private, ~~and~~ except municipalities.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 16, § 174, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 174 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Every user ~~except a municipality~~ shall file with the State Tax Assessor a bond as follows:’

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 369

### AN ACT Relating to Approval and Accreditation of Secondary Schools.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 98, repealed and replaced. Section 98 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

#### ‘Approval and Accreditation of Secondary Schools.

Sec. 98. Approval and accreditation of secondary schools. The secondary schools of this State shall be evaluated for basic approval and may be evaluated for accreditation. No school shall be given basic approval for attendance, tuition or subsidy purpose within the provisions of this chapter unless it meets the following requirements:

- I. It maintains a course of study approved by the Commissioner of Education.
- II. It has a school day of sufficient length to allow 200 minutes per week for each period in the basic schedule.
- III. It has a minimum school year of 180 legal school days.
- IV. It employs one or more certified or licensed teachers for each two grades of its organization.
- V. It has a pupil-teacher ratio of not more than 30 to 1.