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Sec. 107. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$70,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 and the sum of \$85,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 to further encourage the formation of school administrative districts, by paying in December 1957 and in December 1958, directly to such districts, if such districts are established prior to November 1st of that year, the subsidy to which the participating municipalities would have been entitled and an additional 10% of that amount.

Sec. 108. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$100,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 and the sum of \$150,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 to carry out the purposes of section 237-H of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as amended.

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 365

AN ACT Relating to Systems of Drainage or Sewerage.

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

R. S., c. 79, § 1, amended. Section one of chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 425 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended by adding at the end, a new paragraph, to read as follows:

'The Commission shall consult with and advise the authorities of municipalities, persons and businesses having, or about to have, systems of drainage or sewerage except purely storm water systems, as to the best methods of disposing of the drainage or sewage with reference to the existing and future needs of the municipality, other municipalities, persons or businesses which may be affected thereby. It may also consult with and advise with persons or corporations engaged or intending to engage in any manufacturing or other business whose drainage or sewage may tend to pollute any waters under the jurisdiction of the Commission, as to the best methods of preventing such pollution, and it may conduct experiments to determine the best methods of the purification or disposal of drainage or sewage. Municipalities and sewer districts shall submit to said Commission for its advice the plans and specifications for any proposed new system of drainage, sewage disposal or sewage treatment, except purely storm water systems and any alterations in existing facilities. The Commission shall establish standards for the operation of municipal treatment facilities.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 366

AN ACT Creating a Highway Safety Committee.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 23, §§ 37-A - 37-F, additional. Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 6 new sections to be numbered 37-A to 37-F, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Highway Safety Committee.

Sec. 37-A. Highway Safety Committee. In recognition of the fact that safety on the public highways is a joint responsibility of public officials and private citizens and in recognition of the necessity for the State of Maine to stimulate active public support for highway safety measures originating at official sources or through citizen interest and concern, a Committee is hereby created.

Sec. 37-B. Membership. The Committee is authorized to open its membership to designated representatives of civic, service, religious, fraternal, trade, veterans, women's, youth, farm, business, industry, insurance, labor, safety and other organizations, as well as to individual citizens, desiring to take an active part in the promotion of highway safety in the State of Maine.

Sec. 37-C. Officers and executive committee. The Governor shall biennially appoint an Executive Board of at least 18 from the membership of the Committee, said Executive Board to be representative of a cross-section of total committee membership. The Governor shall appoint a Chairman and the Executive Board shall appoint a Vice-Chairman and a secretary-treasurer. The Executive Board shall meet at the time of the annual meeting of the Committee, at least quarterly in addition thereto and otherwise at the call of the Chairman. Members of the Executive Board shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 37-D. Ex-officio members. The heads of the following state departments or agencies, or their designated representatives, shall be ex-officio members of the Committee: Attorney General, Secretary of State, Department of Education, Highway Commission, State Police, Public Utilities Commission.

Sec. 37-E. Official coordination. The officials designated as ex-officio members of the Committee shall, in addition, constitute a coordinating committee of state officials for the purpose of jointly studying and recommending traffic safety programs and activities to the Committee.

Sec. 37-F. Powers and duties. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to:

I. Conduct an annual Governor's Highway Safety Conference which shall, as well, be the annual meeting of the Committee.

II. Develop, administer and promote highway safety programs throughout the State of Maine cooperating, insofar as possible, with national highway safety emphasis programs.

III. Study and recommend to the Legislature, after consultation with the coordinating committee of state officials, measures designed to reduce traffic accidents, effectively control drivers and vehicles and otherwise improve the safety record on the streets and highways of the State of Maine.

IV. Report, annually, on the progress of its programs and activities.'

Sec. 2. Appropriation. In addition to any sums which may be appropriated by the Legislature for the fiscal years 1957-58 and 1958-59 for the purposes of this Act, there is hereby appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$4,250 and from the General Highway Fund the sum of \$4,250 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958; and from the General Fund the sum of \$4,250 and from the

General Highway Fund the sum of \$4,250 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959.

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 367

AN ACT Relating to Survivor Benefits Under Maine State Retirement Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 63-A, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 63-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 417 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended by inserting after the 5th paragraph thereof, a new paragraph, as follows:

“Child” or “children” shall mean any unmarried natural, born or unborn, or legally adopted progeny of the member, under 18 years of age, or adjudged mentally incompetent by a probate court of the State of Maine, or certified by the Medical Board of the Maine State Retirement System to be physically and permanently incapacitated. For the purposes of this chapter, providing any beneficiary is not lawfully qualified to make an election, such election shall be entered into in his behalf by his legally appointed guardian.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 63-A, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 63-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 417 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended by inserting before the next to the last paragraph thereof, a new paragraph, as follows:

“Spouse” shall mean a person of the opposite sex either married to or divorced from the member, in that order.’

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 63-A, § 5, amended. Section 5 of chapter 63-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 417 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new paragraph to read as follows:

‘Each member shall, after July 1, 1957, make a contribution of $\frac{1}{4}\%$ of earnable compensation to the survivors’ benefit fund as long as he is employed.’

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 63-A, § 9, sub-§ I, repealed and replaced. Subsection I of section 9 of chapter 63-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 417 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

I. Should a member die any time before attaining eligibility for retirement, one of the following payments shall be made.

A. The amount of his contribution to the members’ contribution fund together with not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the accumulated regular interest, as the Board of Trustees shall allow, shall be paid to such person, if any, as he has nominated by written designation duly acknowledged and filed with the Board prior to his death. The last nomination of any beneficiary revokes all previous nominations. If a member dies before retire-