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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-ninth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the personal services category of the Attorney General the sum of \$550 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959; \$3,300 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960 and \$3,300 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961 to carry out the purposes of this act.

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

Effective March 12, 1959

Chapter 42

AN ACT Changing Name of Recorders of Municipal Courts to Associate Judges.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 108, § 3-A, additional. Chapter 108 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be numbered 3-A, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 3-A. Associate judges. From and after the effective date of this act the title “recorder” of any municipal court shall be “associate judge” of the said municipal court, provided said recorder is an attorney at law.’

Sec. 2. Amending clause. All municipal court charters and provisions of statutes are amended to conform with the provisions of this act.

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 43

AN ACT Prohibiting Certain Dangerous Knives.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 137, § 20-A, additional. Chapter 137 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new section to be numbered 20-A, to read as follows:

‘Dangerous Knives.

Sec. 20-A. Dangerous knives. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to manufacture, or cause to be manufactured, possess, display, offer, sell, lend, give away or purchase any knife which has a blade which opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle of the knife; or any knife having a blade which opens or falls or is

ejected into position by the force of gravity, or by an outward, downward or centrifugal thrust or movement. Violation of this section shall, upon conviction, be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500 or by imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or by both.'

Sec. 2. Application. Within 30 days after the effective date of this act such knives are to be surrendered to any police officer.

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 44

AN ACT Relating to Legal Suits in Name of Assignor.

Effective September 12, 1959

Director's note: Repealed by P. L., 1959, c. 317, § 419. See P. L., 1959, c. 317, § 199 which repeals R. S., c. 113, § 168.

Chapter 45

AN ACT Relating to Payments of Bank Accounts of Deceased Persons.

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

R. S., c. 59, § 19-G, sub-§ VI, amended. Subsection VI of section 19-G of chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 380 of the public laws of 1955, is amended to read as follows:

'VI. Payments of accounts of deceased persons. If any depositor shall die, leaving in a bank, savings bank ~~or~~ or trust company a savings or other account on which the balance due him shall not exceed \$500, and no executor of his will or administrator of his estate shall be appointed, the bank, savings bank or trust company may pay the balance of his or her account to the surviving spouse, next of kin, funeral director or other preferred creditor or creditors who may appear to be entitled thereto. For any payment so made the bank, savings bank or trust company shall not be held liable to the decedent's executor or administrator thereafter appointed, unless the payment shall have been made within 6 months after the decedent's death and an action to recover the amount shall have been commenced within one year after the date of the payment.'

Effective September 12, 1959