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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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STATE OF MAINE

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of Health and Welfare shall be subject to the provisions of sections 250, 251 and 252 of chapter 25, sections 250 to 252.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 61

AN ACT Relating to Rest Periods for Female Employees.

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

R. S., c. 30, § 36, amended. Section 36 of chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 36. No female to be employed more than 6½ hours at one time. No female shall, except in cases of emergency or extraordinary public requirement as provided in section 32, be employed or permitted to work for more than 6 ½ hours continuously at one time in any establishment or occupation named in sections 30 and 32 in which 3 or more such females are employed, without an interval of at least one hour a consecutive 30-minute rest period; except that such female may be so employed for not more than 6½ hours continuously at one time if such employment ends not later than 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon and if she is then dismissed for the remainder of the day but this shall not apply to any telephone exchange where the operator during the night is not required to operate at the switchboard continuously but is able to sleep the major part of the night. Females employed in any workshop, factory, manufacturing or mechanical establishment on a shift period of more than 6½ hours shall be given not less than a consecutive 30 minute rest period on each shift at such a time, so that the employee does not work more than 6½ consecutive hours on any one shift without such rest period. The commissioner may permit a shorter time to be fixed for rest periods in any manufacturing establishment, if it is proved to his satisfaction that it is necessary by reason of the continuous nature of the processes or of special circumstances affecting such manufacturing establishment and that such shorter time for rest periods will not be injurious to the health of the females affected thereby. The permit shall be in writing and copies shall be posted in a conspicuous place in every room in which females affected thereby are employed.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 62

AN ACT Relating to Unfair Wage Agreements.

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

R. S., c. 30, § 53, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 53 of chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'No person, firm or corporation shall require or permit any person as a condition of securing or retaining employment in any factory, work shop, manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment to work without monetary

compensation or when having an agreement, verbal, written or implied that a part of such compensation should be returned to the person, firm or corporation for any reason other than for the payment of a loan, debt or advance made to the person, or for the payment of any merchandise purchased from the employer or for sick or accident benefits, or life or group insurance premiums, excluding compensation insurance, which an employee has agreed to pay, or for rent, light or water expense of a company-owned house or building. This section shall not apply to work performed in agriculture or in or about a private home.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 63

AN ACT Eliminating Necessity for Sheriff's Apartment in Cumberland County Jail.

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

R. S., c. 89, § 178, amended. Section 178 of chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 178. Jailer to live in jail. Except for Cumberland County ~~Every~~ every keeper of a jail shall reside constantly with his family, if he has any, in the house provided for him, if in the opinion of the county commissioners it is good and sufficient; ~~and if~~. If he neglects to do so, he forfeits not more than \$300 to be recovered for the county by indictment.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 64

AN ACT Concerning Tuition of Children in Temporary Residence on State-Owned Property.

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

R. S., c. 41, § 43, amended. Section 43 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

'The commissioner is also authorized to reimburse a town for tuition payments for the education of children who reside with a parent on state-owned property located in towns of less than 100 inhabitants when such towns do not maintain a school within the town.'

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