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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-ninth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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Sec. 67-H. Trees cut outside State but transported across State. When Christmas trees and evergreen boughs harvested in any Canadian Province or neighboring state are transported over the highways in this State to points outside the State, some proof of ownership will be required such as customs clearance at points of entry or landowner permit.

Sec. 67-I. Enforcement agencies. State Forestry department personnel, State Police and county sheriffs and their deputies shall be authorized officers to make inspections, investigations and arrests under sections 67-A to 67-J and shall report violations to the Forest Commissioner.

Sec. 67-J. Yearly Christmas tree harvest or sale report. On a voluntary basis, without penalty, every person, firm, corporation, partnership or agent shipping or transporting Christmas trees, evergreen boughs, wreaths or tips, shall render a yearly written report to the Forest Commissioner not later than January 31st of each calendar year, giving the amount of Christmas trees, evergreen boughs, wreaths and tips, shipped or transported during the preceding calendar year; location of area cut; and the places within and outside the State to which the trees, boughs and tips were shipped. Forms for this report shall be provided by the Forest Commissioner. Information obtained from these reports shall be confidential. The Forest Commissioner shall prepare a summary of these reports and copies shall be sent to registered Christmas tree dealers and shippers.'

Effective September 12, 1959

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## Chapter 284

### AN ACT Relating to Settlements or Releases from Injured Persons Confined in Hospitals.

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

R. S., c. 137, § 49-A, additional. Chapter 137 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 49-A, to read as follows:

#### 'Settlements or Releases from Injured Persons.

Sec. 49-A. Settlements or releases from injured persons confined in hospitals. Except as provided in this section, no settlement or general release or statement in writing signed by any person confined in a hospital or sanitarium as a patient with reference to any personal injuries for which said person is confined in said hospital or sanitarium shall be admissible in evidence, used or referred to in any manner at the trial of any action to recover damages for personal injuries or consequential damages, so called, resulting therefrom, which statement, settlement or general release was obtained within 10 days after the injuries were sustained and such settlement or release shall be null and void. This section shall not apply to statements or releases obtained by police officers or inspectors of motor vehicles in the performance of their duty, members of the family of such person or by or on behalf of his attorney. This section shall not apply to chapter 31.'

Effective September 12, 1959