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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-ninth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Sec. 195-P. Saving clause. The Legislature reserves the right to amend or repeal all or any part of sections 195-A to 195-Q at any time, and there shall be no vested private right of any kind against such amendment or repeal. All the rights, privileges or immunities conferred by sections 195-A to 195-Q or by acts done pursuant thereto shall exist subject to the power of the Legislature to amend or repeal sections 195-A to 195-Q at any time.

Sec. 195-Q. Short title. Sections 195-A to 195-Q may be cited as the "Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1959."

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 41, § 199, repealed. Section 199 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 465 of the public laws of 1955, is repealed.

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 41, § 200, repealed. Section 200 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 2 of chapter 465 of the public laws of 1955, is repealed.

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 41, § 201, repealed. Section 201 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 3 of chapter 465 of the public laws of 1955, is repealed.

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 41, § 202, repealed. Section 202 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

Sec. 6. R. S., c. 41, §§ 202-A to 202-D, repealed. Sections 202-A to 202-D of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 321 of the public laws of 1955, are repealed.

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 287

AN ACT Establishing Disability Due to Radioactive Properties as an Occupational Disease.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 31, § 69, amended. Section 69 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 295 and by section 1 of chapter 391 both of the public laws of 1955, is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

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| <p>17. Disability due to radioactive properties of substances or exposure to ionizing radiation.</p> | <p>17. Any process involving the use of or direct contact with radiation or radioactive substances or the use of or direct exposure to Roentgen rays (X-rays) or ionizing radiation.</p> |
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Sec. 2. R. S., c. 31, § 70-A, additional. Chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 70-A, as follows:

'Sec. 70-A. Special provisions relating to disability due to radioactive properties. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this chapter, the employee need not be exposed to radioactive substances for a period of 60 days or more, as otherwise stated under section 62, and the time for filing claims shall not begin to run in cases of incapacity under section 69, item 17, until the person claiming benefits knew, or by exercise of reasonable diligence should have known of the casual relationship between his employment and his incapacity, or after incapacity, whichever is later.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 288

AN ACT Relating to Cancellation of Automobile Physical Damage Insurance.

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

R. S., c. 60, § 115-A, additional. Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 115-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 115-A. Cancellation of automobile physical damage insurance. An insurance company may cancel an automobile physical damage insurance policy only on 10 days' written notice to the insured and any other person mentioned in the loss payable clause of the policy. When the policy is cancelled by the insured he shall notify forthwith any other person mentioned in the loss payable clause, and in the event the interest of any person mentioned in the loss payable clause is released, such person shall forthwith notify the company.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 289

AN ACT Relating to Artificial Aids for Employees for Injuries Under Workmen's Compensation Law.

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

R. S., c. 31, § 9, amended. The 4th sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 9 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following sentence enacted in place thereof:

'The commission in its discretion may also require the employer to furnish artificial limbs, eyes, teeth, orthopedic appliances and physical aids made necessary by such injury, and to replace and renew the same when deemed necessary from wear and tear or physical change of the injured employee; but no employer shall be obligated to replace or renew any such items after 500 weeks from the date of injury.'

Effective September 12, 1959