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### **ACTS AND RESOLVES**

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### STATE OF MAINE

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#### Chapter 318

AN ACT Increasing Number of Medical Examiners in Lincoln County.

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

R. S., c. 89, § 243, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 243 of chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapters 283 and 284, both of the public laws of 1957 and as repealed and replaced by section 78 of chapter 429 of the public laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:

"The number of medical examiners so to be appointed shall be as follows: For the Counties of Franklin, Knox, Lincoln Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Somerset and Waldo, 2 each; for the Counties of Hancock, Lincoln, Oxford and Washington, 3 each; for the Counties of Kennebec and York, 4 each; for the Counties of Androscoggin and Aroostook, 5 each; for the Counties of Cumberland and Penobscot, 7 each; and they shall be appointed with reference to territorial distribution."

Effective September 12, 1959

#### Chapter 319

AN ACT Relating to Disposition of Income on Public Administrator's Funds.

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

R. S., c. 154, § 52, amended. The first paragraph of section 52 of chapter 154 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end, a new sentence, as follows:

'Any income earned on such funds shall be paid into the General Fund as compensation for administration.'

Effective September 12, 1959

#### Chapter 320

AN ACT Relating to Contributions Under Maine Employment Security Law.

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

- R. S., c. 29, § 17, sub-§ IV, ¶ D, amended. Paragraph D of subsection IV of section 17 of chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:
  - 'D. If the total benefits paid from the fund within the first 6 months of any calendar year are equal to or exceed 4.5% of the total payrolls subject to contributions, reported by employers for such 6 months period, the commission shall forthwith reestablish all rates at 2.7%, and such rate shall continue in force for the remainder of such calendar year; and provided further, that if If at any time, in the opinion of the commission, an emergency

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exists and the benefits currently being paid, if continued at approximately the same level, will such as to seriously impair the fund, the commission may, after reasonable notices and public hearing, forthwith reestablish all rates at 2.7% and continue said rates in force until, in the opinion of the commission, such emergency no longer exists, or until the date set by this chapter for the computation of rates.'

Effective September 12, 1959

#### Chapter 321

AN ACT Concerning Liability of Parents for Damage by Children.

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

R. S., c. 166, § 22-A, additional. Chapter 166 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 22-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 22-A. Liability of parents for damage by children. The parent or parents of any minor who is between 7 and 17 years of age and is living with said parent or parents, which minor or minors willfully or maliciously cause damage to any property or injury to any person, shall be jointly and severally liable with such minor or minors for such damage or injury to an amount not exceeding \$250, if such minor or minors would have been liable for such damage or injury if they had been adults. Nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve such minor or minors from personal liability for such damage or injury.'

Effective September 12, 1959

#### Chapter 322

AN ACT Relating to Formation and Operation of Mutual Trust Investment Companies Under Supervision of Bank Commissioner.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 59, §§ 154-A - 154-G, additional. Chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 7 new sections, to be numbered 154-A to 154-G, to read as follows:

#### 'Mutual Trust Investment Company Act.

Sec. 154-A. Definition. As used in sections 154-A to 154-G, the term "mutual trust investment company" means a corporation which is:

- I. An investment company as defined by an Act of Congress entitled "Investment Company Act of 1940" approved August 22, 1940, as amended; and
- II. Incorporated in compliance with sections 154-A to 154-G to constitute a medium for the common investment of trust funds held in a fiduciary ca-