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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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## PUBLIC LAWS, 1961

## CHAP. 78

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 13, amended. Section 13 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding after the 13th paragraph, a new paragraph, as follows:

'Replacement inserts for number plates shall be furnished to replace lost or mutilated inserts for 50c each.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 18, amended. The 7th paragraph of section 18 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'If any number plate is lost or the register number thereon becomes mutilated or illegible, the owner or person in control of the vehicle for which said number plate was furnished shall immediately place a temporary number plate bearing his register number upon said vehicle. Such temporary number plate shall conform to the register number plate and shall be displayed as nearly as possible as provided in this chapter for said regular number plate, and such person shall within 24 hours after such loss or mutilation give notice thereof to the Secretary of State and apply for new number plates; ~~and thereupon.~~ Thereupon the Secretary of State, if satisfied of the truth of the facts stated in the application, shall supply a new set of number plates upon payment of a fee of ~~75c~~ \$1 for each plate.'

Effective September 16, 1961

## Chapter 77

### AN ACT Increasing Temporary Loans for Cumberland County.

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

R. S., c. 89, § 30, amended. The first sentence of section 30 of chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by chapter 296 of the public laws of 1959, is further amended to read as follows:

'The county commissioners of Cumberland, Washington and Kennebec Counties may, without obtaining the consent of their respective counties, raise, by temporary loan to be paid within one year from the time when the same is contracted out of money raised during the current year by taxes, sums not exceeding ~~\$400,000~~ \$500,000, \$75,000 and \$100,000, respectively, in any year for use of their respective counties and cause notes or obligations of their respective counties with coupons for lawful interest to be issued for payment thereof as aforesaid.'

Effective September 16, 1961

## Chapter 78

### AN ACT Relating to Income in Aid to the Blind.

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

R. S., c. 25, § 299, sub-§ V, amended. Subsection V of section 299 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'V. Income. Has not sufficient income or other resources to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health. ~~The first \$50 per month of earned income shall be disregarded;~~ The department shall disregard earned income in the amounts stated in the Social Security Act or any amendments thereto;'

Effective September 16, 1961

## Chapter 79

### AN ACT Relating to Disposition of Eyes After Death.

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

R. S., c. 25, §140-A, additional. Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 140-A, to read as follows:

#### 'Disposition of Eyes After Death.

Sec. 140-A. Right to dispose of eyes after death. A person has the right to direct the manner in which his eyes or any part thereof shall be disposed of after his death.

I. Manner of making disposition. A person may, if he is of legal age and sound mind, by written instrument, prescribe for the disposition to be made, after death, of his eyes or any part thereof, provided such person shall receive no remuneration or other thing of value for such disposition and provided further that same is for the purpose of advancing medical science or for the replacement or rehabilitation of diseased eyes, worn out or injured parts, of the eyes of living human beings.

II. Donee provisions. Any such donation, authorization or consent made under this section shall be by written instrument signed by the person making or giving the same and shall be witnessed by 2 persons of legal age. Each instrument may designate the donee, but such designation shall not be necessary to its validity. A donee may be an individual, hospital, institution, an agency engaged in sight restoration or a bank maintained for the storage, preservation and use of human eyes or parts thereof. If no specific donee is named in such instrument, then the hospital in which the donor dies shall be considered to be the donee and if such donor does not die in a hospital, then the attending physician shall be considered to be the donee; and such hospital or physician shall have full authority to take and remove said eyes or parts thereof which such donor has designated and to make the same available to any person or institution in need thereof. Where a donee is named in such instrument, any hospital or physician acquiring possession or custody of the body shall have the authority to remove from the body the eyes or parts thereof which the donor has designated and to deliver the same to the named donee; provided that no such licensed physician or hospital shall receive any remuneration or other thing of value whatsoever, except the established fees, for such services rendered, for any eyes, or parts thereof, donated under this section, but such claim for services in removing the eyes or parts thereof shall not be a claim against the estate of deceased, and the hospital, donee or physician shall not be liable civilly or criminally for removing said eyes or parts thereof.