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Chapter 207

AN ACT Relating to Confidential Records in Insurance Department.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 60, § 354, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 354 of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 5 of chapter 223 of the public laws of 1959, is amended to read as follows:

'I. **Complaint files.** Records and correspondence concerning a complaint against a person or organization for violation of the insurance laws or fire prevention laws are **confidential.**'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 60, § 354, sub-§ II, ¶ A, additional. Subsection II of section 354 of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 5 of chapter 223 of the public laws of 1959, is amended by adding a new paragraph A, to read as follows:

'A. **Files released.** The commissioner may release investigation files of a nonpersonal nature, if there is no pending criminal prosecution or disciplinary action by the department.'

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 208

AN ACT Prohibiting Stocking Certain Waters with Fish.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 62, amended. Section 62 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

'No fish or fish spawn raised by the State shall be planted or deposited in such waters unless the owner shall permit the public to fish therein.'

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 209

AN ACT Relating to Registration of Motorized Invalid Chairs.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 13, amended. Section 13 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by inserting before the last paragraph, 2 new paragraphs, as follows:

'The Secretary of State on application shall issue, without the payment of any fee, a registration certificate and registration plates for a motorized invalid

chair owned and operated by any invalid person when such application is accompanied by the certification of at least 2 physicians as to such person's physical incapacity.

The Secretary of State shall restrict the operation of such motorized invalid chairs to those streets and highways and hours of the day as will, in his judgment, minimize the danger of injury to the operator. Section 45 shall not apply to such invalid chairs but the Secretary of State shall not issue such registration unless he is satisfied that such chair is equipped with an adequate stopping and holding device and means of giving audible signal.'

Sec. 2. **Effective date.** The provisions of this act shall become effective with the registration year 1962.

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 210

AN ACT Concerning Qualifications of Municipal Court Judges and Associate Judges.

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

R. S., c. 108, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 108 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. **Qualification.** No person shall be eligible for appointment as judge or associate judge of any municipal court unless he shall be a member of the bar of this State and a resident of the county in which such court is located. **Maintaining his principal office for the practice of law within the municipality or municipal court district for which such court is established will be deemed a compliance with any special residential requirement that may apply to that court.'**

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 211

AN ACT Defining Contract of Life Insurance.

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

R. S., c. 60, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end, a new sentence, as follows:

'A contract of life insurance is an agreement dependent upon human life by which one party for a consideration promises to pay money or its equivalent or to do some act of value upon the death or disability of the insured or the termination of a specified period.'

Effective September 16, 1961