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Chapter 212

AN ACT Relating to Hospitalization of Persons Suffering from Excessive Use of Alcohol.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25, § 167, amended. Section 167 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 167. Persons suffering from use of opiates committed to a hospital. A person alleged to be suffering from the effects of the use of an opiate, cocaine, chloral hydrate, ~~or~~ other narcotic, barbiturate or the excessive use of alcohol may be committed to the care of any hospital, including any state hospital for the mentally ill or any legally qualified physician of not less than 5 years' actual practice for treatment ~~and the~~. The medical authorities of said hospital or said physician to whom said patient is committed may restrain said patient, so committed, in such manner as may be necessary for his protection, for a period of not more than 90 days.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 25, § 168, amended. Section 168 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 168. Agreement for personal restraint. Before any restraint shall be imposed under the authority of ~~the preceding~~ section 167, a voluntary agreement shall be made in writing by the person suffering from the effects of ~~any drug mentioned in said section~~ the use of an opiate, cocaine, chloral hydrate, other narcotic, barbiturate or the excessive use of alcohol, to the imposition of restraint upon his actions, if necessary, and such agreement must be witnessed by the husband, wife or parent of the person aforesaid, or one of the municipal officers of the city or town in which the person, so suffering, is a resident, and approved, after reasonable notice, by a Justice of the Superior Court or the judge of probate in the county where the patient resides.'

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 213

AN ACT Relating to the Use of Armories for Military Purposes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 14, § 17, amended. The 8th sentence of section 17 of chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'The commission is further authorized and directed to cooperate with the Federal Government or municipalities in establishing and coordinating national defense in this State, especially in the providing of equipment, training, facilities, suitable quarters for troops and supplies, and buildings and lands for military purposes, including construction and expansion of armories and other facilities for joint use by the National Guard and another reserve component or other reserve components of the armed forces of the United States.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 14, § 18, amended. The 3rd sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 18 of chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 4 of chapter 405 of the public laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:

'The buildings shall be ~~held for the exclusive use of the National Guard, or other state military or naval forces~~ used exclusively for military purposes, unless otherwise authorized by the general regulations prescribed by the State Military Defense Commission, or by special authority of the chairman of the commission after written application by the municipal officers, and may be jointly used by the National Guard and another reserve component or other reserve components of the armed forces of the United States.'

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 214

AN ACT Permitting Erection of Flags in Cemeteries to Honor Deceased Veterans.

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

R. S., c. 90-A, § 11, amended. Section 11 of chapter 90-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 405 of the public laws of 1957, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

'Any group of citizens or any veterans' organization of a municipality, when authorized by its municipal officers, may erect a flag pole of durable material in any cemetery within the municipality in which there are interred at least 25 veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States, from which the American flag may be flown for a period not to exceed 10 days from May 30th each year, or on any other day officially designated to commemorate such veterans. Compliance with this paragraph shall satisfy the requirements of this section. This paragraph shall in no way affect the right of any friend or relative of any veteran to decorate his grave.'

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 215

AN ACT Relating to School Construction Aid in School Administrative Districts.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 237-H, amended. The first sentence of the first paragraph of section 237-H of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 364 of the public laws of 1957 and as last repealed and replaced by section 21 of chapter 353 of the public laws of 1959, is amended to read as follows:

'To provide further incentive for the establishment of larger school administrative districts, the commissioner shall allocate state financial assistance to