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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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## Chapter 213

### AN ACT Relating to Services for Locating Deserting Parents and Other Persons Liable for Support of Dependents.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 3754, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3754, to read as follows:

#### ‘§ 3754. Locating those liable for support of dependents

To assist in locating parents who have deserted their children and other persons liable for support of dependents, the Department of Health and Welfare may request and shall receive information from the records of all departments, boards, bureaus and other agencies of this State, and the same are authorized to provide such information as is necessary for this purpose. Only information directly bearing on the identity and whereabouts of a person owing or asserted to be owing an obligation of support shall be requested and used or transmitted by the department pursuant to the authority conferred by this section. The department may make such information available only to public officials and agencies of this State, other states and the political subdivisions of this State and other states seeking to locate parents who have deserted their children and other persons liable for support of dependents for the purpose of enforcing their liability for support.’

Effective September 3, 1965

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## Chapter 214

### AN ACT Providing for the New England Welfare Compact.

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

R. S., T. 22, c. 1152, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 1152, to read as follows:

#### ‘CHAPTER 1152

#### NEW ENGLAND WELFARE COMPACT

#### SUBCHAPTER I

#### COMPACT

#### § 4151. Policy, purpose and scope—Article I

The policy of the states party to this compact is to make welfare services available among the compacting states on the basis of the mutual removal of barriers caused by restrictive residence requirements of the several states. It is recognized that law and policy relating generally to the provisions of welfare services by a particular state should not be determined by interstate compact

and will remain a matter for determination by that party state and its subdivisions.

§ 4152. Welfare service defined—Article II

As used in this compact, the term "welfare service" means and includes public assistance and child welfare services furnished by a party state or a subdivision thereof, provided that such assistance or service is pursuant to a federally-aided plan, arrangement or program, and any other category of welfare assistance which is federally aided at the time when a claim of eligibility for assistance or service is made pursuant to this compact.

§ 4153. Provision of service—Article III

No person who has removed himself from his place of abode in one party state to another party state shall be ineligible for a welfare service in such other party state because of failure to meet that state's residence requirements for eligibility. If a person is already receiving a welfare service at the time he removes himself from his place of abode to another party state and if he continues to be in need of such service, the party state from which he removes himself shall be obligated to bear the cost of such service for 90 days from the date of his removal. In any such case, the party state to which the person removes himself shall not be obligated to provide the service at its own expense during such 90-day period. The cost of providing a welfare service to any person made eligible therefor by reason of this compact shall be charged within a state in accordance with the laws of such state.

The appropriate official, department or agency of the state where application for a welfare service is made pursuant to this compact shall be entitled to request and receive any pertinent information available from any other party state with respect to such applicant.

§ 4154. Exceptions and limitations—Article IV

Nothing in this compact shall be construed to:

1. Invalidation. Invalidate any agreement between a party state and a non-party state relating to the provision of welfare services nor to invalidate any statutory authority for such agreements;

2. Obligation. Obligate a party state to provide a welfare service pursuant to this compact which it does not provide to its own residents.

§ 4155. Compact administrator—Article V

In each party state there shall be a compact administrator who shall be the head of the state welfare agency. The compact administrator shall act as general coordinator of activities under the compact in his state and cooperate with the compact administrators of other party states. The compact administrators of the respective party states shall have power to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations to carry out the terms and provisions of this compact.

§ 4156. Enactment and withdrawal—Article VI

This compact shall be open to membership by the States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. It shall

enter into full force and effect as to any 2 or more of the aforementioned states upon enactment thereof by such states.

A state party to this compact may withdraw therefrom by enacting a statute repealing the same. Such withdrawal shall take effect 6 months after notice thereof has been communicated officially and in writing to the governors and compact administrators of all other party states. The withdrawal of any state shall not affect the rights of any person who is receiving a welfare service pursuant to the provisions of this compact.

#### § 4157. Construction—Article VII

This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any party state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state party thereto, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining states and in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters.

### SUBCHAPTER II

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

#### § 4161. Compact

The Governor, on behalf of the State, is authorized and directed to execute a compact, substantially as provided in this chapter with any one or more of the States of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont, which compact shall supersede existing reciprocal agreements executed under section 3102, but which shall in no way abrogate or replace existing compacts executed under chapter 1151.'

Effective September 3, 1965

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## Chapter 215

### AN ACT Relating to Microfilm of Records in Registries of Deeds.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 33, § 651, amended. Section 651 of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

'The registers shall prepare, or have prepared, a microfilm record of each page of every instrument, plan or other document recorded in each registry office. The microfilm record so made shall be stored in a fireproof area. Where original record books or plans are considered by the register to be in such condition to warrant withdrawal from regular use he may provide suitable means for reading microfilm records of the instruments so withdrawn.'