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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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'The Secretary of State may appoint the Deputy Secretary of State subject to the Personnel Law.'

**Sec. 2. Legislative intent.** It is the intent of the Legislature that section 1 shall in no way affect the tenure of the office of the Deputy Secretary of State who shall receive a salary not less than the salary paid to him as of the effective date of this Act.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 7, § 1, amended.** The 3rd sentence of section 1 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'He (Commissioner of Agriculture) shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$11,000~~ \$12,000.'

**Sec. 4. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$750 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 and \$1,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967 to carry out the purposes of section 3.

Effective September 3, 1965

## Chapter 422

AN ACT to Provide for Establishment of a Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 37, c. 2, additional.** Title 37 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 2 to read as follows:

### 'CHAPTER 2

#### VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY

##### § 21. Land purchase

The Commissioner of Veterans Services shall acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise from the owners thereof, at such price as shall be mutually agreed upon between the commissioner and such owners, such real estate as in his judgment is suitable and necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions for a Veterans Memorial Cemetery, and obtain from such owners the title in fee simple for the same. Such real estate shall be not less than 50 acres and shall be near the center of population of the State of Maine.

##### § 22. Monument; buildings, etc.

The Commissioner of Veterans Services shall purchase and cause to be erected in the center of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery, to be suited to the topography of the land, a suitable monument with suitable flag poles on which shall be displayed in accordance with the Flag Code, the National Emblem and the State of Maine flag. The immediate area surrounding this monument shall be prepared and reserved as a suitable place for Memorial Day or other patriotic or memorial observances. The remainder shall be laid out in a wheel-like pattern

surrounding the monument, being expanded from the center as required. Suitable buildings shall be provided for the use of the superintendent and the care of equipment, and for the storage of bodies during such time as burial is impossible because of frozen ground.

### § 23. Superintendent

A competent and trustworthy superintendent shall be appointed and whatever additional help, equipment and material is necessary for adequate maintenance of the cemetery shall be arranged for by the Commissioner of Veterans Services. The superintendent of the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery shall be an honorably discharged veteran or a current member of the armed forces in a nonactive status.

### § 24. Grave markers

All grave markers shall be the flat type marble, granite or bronze as furnished by the Memorial Division, Department of the Army, or similar thereto. No other markers or stones shall be permitted in the cemetery. All boxes used for burial shall be protected with liners or permanent vaults. Stones, liners or vaults shall not be at state expense.

### § 25. Burials

Any veteran without regard to race, creed or color, who served in the United States Armed Forces during any recognized period of conflict or was eligible for Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal and received an honorable discharge may be buried in this cemetery without charge, if he entered service from Maine or has lived in Maine for 5 years immediately prior to his death. The wife, husband, surviving spouse, minor child or adult child who became incapable of self-support before reaching the age of 18 because of mental or physical defects may be buried in graves adjacent to the veteran without charge, provided that if the veteran dies first, the survivors specify in writing their intent to be so buried or if the dependent dies first, the veteran specifies in writing his intent to be buried in the Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The plots shall be reserved as indicated and a permanent record of all burials shall be kept.

The bodies of eligible veterans previously buried in other locations may be reinterred in this cemetery upon request of anyone legally entitled to make such request, provided that no cost shall be borne by the State other than that which would be incurred in an original burial.

### § 26. Regulations

The Commissioner of Veterans Services shall be authorized to make such regulations regarding burials, maintenance and operation of the cemetery as he deems necessary which are not in conflict with this chapter.

### § 27. Interpretation

This chapter shall not be construed as obligating the State beyond the furnishing of a grave site, the opening and closing of the grave and maintenance thereafter in perpetuity of the grave and the cemetery as a whole.

## § 28. Name

The cemetery provided by this chapter shall be known as the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery.'

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$7,500 for the purpose of planning and starting development of the cemetery provided for by this Act.

Effective September 3, 1965

## Chapter 423

### AN ACT to Authorize Municipalities to Finance Industrial and Recreational Projects.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, c. 242, additional. Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 242 to read as follows:

#### 'CHAPTER 242

#### MUNICIPAL INDUSTRIAL AND RECREATIONAL OBLIGATIONS ACT

#### § 5325. General grant of powers

A municipality is authorized and empowered:

1. Revenue-producing industrial or recreational facilities. To acquire, construct, reconstruct, renew and replace industrial and recreational projects within or partly within the corporate limits of the municipality;
2. Securities. To issue revenue obligation securities of the municipality as provided to pay the cost of such acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renewal or replacement;
3. Refunding securities. To issue revenue refunding obligation securities of the municipality as provided to refund any revenue obligation securities then outstanding which shall have been issued under this chapter;
4. Acquisition of property. The municipal officers are authorized and empowered to acquire from funds provided under the authority of this chapter, such lands, structures, property, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements and other interests in lands, including lands lying under water and riparian rights, which are located within the State as it may deem necessary or convenient for the construction or operation of any industrial or recreational project, upon such terms and conditions as they shall deem reasonable and proper, and to dispose of any of the foregoing in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties hereunder;