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Chapter 407

AN ACT Relating to Mortgage Insurance Fund Under Maine Industrial Building Authority Act.

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

R. S., T. 10, § 809, additional. Title 10 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 809, to read as follows:

§ 809. Safeguarding the Mortgage Insurance Fund

When a loan insured under this chapter is clearly in default the authority may assent to the extension of the time of payment of such insured loan beyond 25 years, may extend the insurance thereon accordingly and may waive mortgage insurance premiums thereon, when in the opinion of the authority any such action is necessary to safeguard the Mortgage Insurance Fund.

Effective October 7, 1967

Chapter 408

AN ACT Relating to Certain Expenses in the District Court.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 4, § 173, sub-§ 4, amended. Subsection 4 of section 173 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end, a new paragraph, as follows:

In cases involving the operation of motor vehicles under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, fees of police officers and expert witnesses called by the State shall be paid for from the District Court Fund.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, § 1312, amended. The 7th sentence of section 1312 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

All such tests made to determine the weight of alcohol in the blood shall be paid for by the county wherein the violation of this section was alleged to have occurred from the District Court Fund.

Effective October 7, 1967

Chapter 409

AN ACT Relating to Approval of Plans and Competitive Bids Under Bureau of Public Improvements Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 1742, sub-§ 7, amended. Subsection 7 of section 1742 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

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7. Approve plans for public improvements. To approve all proposals, plans, specifications and contracts for public improvements which require their submission to the Governor and Council for their final approval and acceptance which the State of Maine or any of its agencies hold in fee or by leasehold interest;

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, § 1743, amended. The first paragraph of section 1743 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Any contract for any public improvement involving a total cost of more than \$3,000 \$10,000, except contracts for professional, architectural and engineering services, shall be awarded by a system of competitive bidding in accordance with chapters 141 to 155 and such other conditions and restrictions as the Governor and Council may from time to time prescribe. Contracts in the amount of \$10,000 or less shall be awarded by a system of competitive bidding. Such contracts shall be awarded by the appropriate department or agency with the prior authorization of the Bureau of Public Improvements.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 5, § 1745, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 1745 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Sealed proposals submitted in accordance with such advertisements for any public improvement in an amount in excess of \$10,000 shall be addressed to the trustees, commissioners or such other persons having the construction in charge and shall remain sealed until opened in the presence of a committee of the Executive Council at such time as the Governor and Council may direct.

Effective October 7, 1967

Chapter 410

AN ACT Revising the Laws Relating to Arson.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 17, c. 7, repealed. Chapter 7 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Arson, is repealed.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 17, c. 8, additional. Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 8, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8

ARSON

§ 161. First degree

Any person who willfully and maliciously (1) sets fire to (2) burns (3) causes to be burned or (4) aids, counsels or procures, the burning of any dwelling house, mobile home or house trailer, whether occupied, unoccupied or vacant, or any kitchen, shop, barn, stable or other outhouse that is parcel thereof, or belonging to or adjoining thereto, whether the property of himself or of another, shall be