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Sec. 3. Allocation. There shall be allocated from the General Highway Fund to Appropriation No. 9026 the sum of \$8,500 for the fiscal year 1967-1968 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Effective October 7, 1967

Chapter 444

AN ACT Relating to Claims Against Estates of Deceased Recipients of Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 3453, amended. The first sentence of section 3453 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 38 of chapter 513 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

Upon the death of a person who is receiving aid to the aged, blind or disabled or who has received such aid at any time during his lifetime, the State shall have a claim against his estate, allowable in probate court and enforceable in accordance with Title 18, for all amounts money payments paid under chapters 951 to 957.

Effective October 7, 1967

Chapter 445

AN ACT Creating a State Employees' Suggestion Awards Board.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, c. 56, additional. Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 56, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 56

SUGGESTION AWARDS BOARD

§ 641. Suggestion Awards Fund

There shall be a State Employees' Suggestion Awards Board, which shall administer this chapter. The board shall be composed of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration or his designee, ex officio, the Director of Personnel, ex officio, and 3 members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall have experience in the management or operation of employees' suggestion plans in private business or industry. Annually a member shall be appointed for a term of 3 years to succeed the member whose term expires. Members of the board shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be paid travel and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. CLASSIFYING CERTAIN INLAND WATERS

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The Director of Personnel shall furnish necessary technical and clerical services for said board.

The board shall receive and evaluate all suggestions made by state employees to promote efficiency or economy in or to improve the performance of state activities. At the request of the board, the Commissioner of Finance and Administration shall cause a fiscal analysis to be made of each suggestion which appears to be meritorious and report his findings to the board. The board shall authorize the payment on a noncompetitive basis of cash awards for those suggestions the adoption of which will or would result, directly or indirectly, in a saving to the State or an improvement in the activities of the State.

Cash awards shall not exceed 30% of the first annual saving to the State or \$5,000, whichever is less, and shall be paid from the funds or appropriations available to the activity primarily benefiting or the various activities benefiting.

The board may by regulation establish procedures for the submission, consideration and evaluation of suggestions, establish schedules of cash awards and may adopt such other regulations as it finds necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and the sum of \$500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969 to the State Employees' Suggestion Awards Board to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1967-68 1968-69

EMPLOYEES' SUGGESTION AWARDS BOARD

All Other

\$500 \$500

Effective October 7, 1967

Chapter 446

AN ACT Classifying Certain Inland Waters of the Presumpscot River Basin.

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

R. S., T. 38, § 368, amended. Subsection 7 of section 368 of Title 38 of the Revised Statutes, under the caption **Presumpscot River Basin**, is amended to read as follows:

7. Presumpscot River, main stem, below Village of South Windham to upper limits of City of Westbrook tidewater—Class C.