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### ACTS AND RESOLVES

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# One Hundred and Fourth Legislature

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## STATE OF MAINE

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### PUBLIC LAWS

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- Sec. 7. Liberal construction. It is the intention of the Legislature that this Act and the statutes of Maine relating to municipal financial affairs and taxation shall be construed liberally to effect the intention of this Act.
  - Sec. 8. Effective date. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1970.

Effective January 1, 1970

#### Chapter 370

#### AN ACT Relating to Adoption of Children.

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

R. S., T. 19, § 532, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 532 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 432 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended by inserting after the 6th sentence the following:

Such surrender and release shall be executed in triplicate; one of the copies shall be filed in the court in which it is executed and the original and other copy shall be given to the transferee thereunder. Such surrender and release shall, without notice to the parent or parents, be transferable, together with all rights thereunder, from the transferee agency to the Department of Health and Welfare, or from the Department of Health and Welfare as original transferee to any duly licensed child placing agency. In the event that it becomes impossible, for good and sufficient reason, to find an adoptive home for any child so surrendered and released by its parent or parents, then the child placing agency or the Department of Health and Welfare, to whom the custody and control of such child has been surrendered and released or transferred as herein provided may arrange for placement in foster care in the same manner as for children committed into custody under Title 22, section 3792.

Effective October 1, 1969

### Chapter 371

AN ACT Relating to Discrimination on Account of Race or Religion.

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

R. S., T. 17, § 1301-A, additional. Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1301-A, to read as follows:

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#### § 1301-A. -state licenses

No person, firm or corporation holding a license under the State of Maine or any of its subdivisions for the dispensing of food, liquor or for any service or being a State of Maine corporation or a corporation authorized to do business in the State shall withhold membership, its facilities or services to any person on account of race, religion or national origin, except such organizations which are oriented to a particular religion or which are ethnic in character.

It shall be the duty of the several county attorneys to investigate and prosecute complaints of violations of this section, and to institute proceedings before the Administrative Hearing Commissioner who shall be empowered to proceed under Title 5, chapters 301 to 307.

A determination by the Administrative Hearing Commissioner after notice and hearing on a show cause order that there is a violation of this section shall cause revocation of such licenses as may be held, with the right of appeal to the Superior Court under Title 5, chapter 307.

Director's note: Amended by 1969 Public Laws, chapter 504, section 24-G.

Effective October 1, 1969

#### Chapter 372

AN ACT Permitting Attendance Promotions by Liquor Licensees.

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

R. S., T. 28, § 305, amended. Section 305 of Title 28 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end, a new paragraph, as follows:

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a licensed club from offering prizes, gratuities or other inducements, otherwise legal, as a means of promoting attendance on licensed premises.