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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Fourth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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of 1965, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 157. Government agencies

In all civil actions arising out of the use, ownership or operation of a motor vehicle against the State of Maine or any political subdivision thereof or any quasi-municipal corporation, the defense of sovereign immunity is abolished during the period a policy of insurance is effective covering the liability of such governmental agency. The insurer of said government or governmental agency shall be estopped from asserting, as a defense to any claim covered by said policy, that such governmental agency is immune from liability on the ground that it is a governmental agency. The amount of damages in any such case shall not exceed the limits of coverage specified in the policy, and the courts shall abate any verdict in any such action to the extent that it exceeds such policy limit.

Effective October 1, 1969

Chapter 429

AN ACT Relating to State Employees' Suggestion Awards Board

Emergency preamble. Whereas, there are not sufficient funds or available personnel to carry out the intent of the Legislature and activate a suggestion awards program; and

Whereas, there is serious question about the use of departmental operating funds in making awards; and

Whereas, the State of Maine would benefit from this legislation and there is a demonstrated desire that this program be set in motion as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 641, amended. The 2nd and 4th paragraphs of section 641 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 445 of the public laws of 1967, are repealed as follows:

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

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.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, § 641, amended. Section 641 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 445 of the public laws of 1967, is amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences to read as follows:

Individual cash awards shall not exceed \$500. The board shall employ, subject to the Personnel Law, such technical and clerical staff as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 24, 1969

Chapter 430

AN ACT to Create the Mountain Resorts Airport Authority.

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

R. S., T. 10, part 9, additional. Title 10 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new part 9, to read as follows:

PART 9

CHAPTER 801

MOUNTAIN RESORTS AIRPORT AUTHORITY

SUBCHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 7001. Title

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Mountain Resorts Airport Authority Act."

§ 7002. Purpose

It is declared that there is a state-wide need for new airports to ensure the preservation and betterment of the economy of the State of Maine and in-