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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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AS PASSED BY THE
One Hundred and Fourth Legislature

AT THE
SPECIAL SESSION

January 6, 1970
to
February 7, 1970

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, c. 213, sub-c VI, additional. Chapter 213 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subchapter VI to read as follows:

**SUBCHAPTER VI
SHADE TREE STOCK & PLANTING**

§ 1131. Purpose

To promote aesthetic and environmental values of trees to communities and to restore those values lost through death of trees from insect and disease depredation, soil depletion, adverse growth factors and old age, the State Entomologist and his agents under the supervision of the Forest Commissioner may enter into agreement with municipal officials to pay, so far as funds are available, up to 50% of the costs of procuring young tree-planting stock and planting for public shade trees. Whenever the State does contribute funds for this purpose, it shall have the authority to establish requirements for a municipal tree care program and requirements and procedures relative to selecting, planting and initial care of such trees. This program is not intended to extend beyond village or community limits except for municipal parks or cemeteries.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 3951, repealed. Section 3951 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 11 of chapter 394 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Forestry Department the sum of \$25,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. Any balance at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward into the following year to be expended for the same purposes. The breakdown shall be as follows:

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT	1970-71
All Other	\$25,000

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

Effective February 9, 1970

Chapter 587

AN ACT Relating to Jurisdiction of District Court in Divorce Actions.

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

R. S., T. 4, § 152, amended. Section 152 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 236 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

Actions for divorce or annulment may be remanded, upon agreement of the parties, from the Superior Court to the District Court in accordance with rules promulgated by the Supreme Judicial Court. An action so remanded shall remain in the District Court, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereafter, subject to the rights of appeal to the Superior Court as to matters of law.

Effective May 9, 1970

Chapter 588

AN ACT to Pay for Fifty Percent of Health Insurance Plans for State Employees.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 285, sub-§§ 3, 4, amended. Subsections 3 and 4 of section 285 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 543 of the public laws of 1967, are amended to read as follows:

3. Enrollment. Any employee eligible under this section may join within the first 60 days of his employment or during a declared open enrollment period. The filing of necessary applications shall be the responsibility of the ~~employee~~ employer. Effective dates under this section shall be at the discretion of the board of trustees.

4. Payroll deduction. During any period in which an employee is insured in conformity with this section, there shall be withheld by payroll deduction or deductions an amount equal to his dependent's share of the cost of said insurance and 50% of the employee's share of the insurance cost. The manner in which such deductions shall be made shall be determined by the board of trustees.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, § 285, sub-§ 7, additional. Section 285 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 543 of the public laws of 1967, is amended by adding a new subsection 7, to read as follows:

7. Payment by State. The State of Maine, through the board of trustees, shall pay 50% of only the employee's share of this insurance cost.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Employees' Group Health Insurance Program the sum of \$200,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Sec. 4. Utilization of other funds. The employer's share of the cost for employees in departments supported by the Highway Fund, Special Revenue Funds or other funds shall be provided from funds available to the department and not from the General Fund.

Sec. 5. Effective date. This Act shall become effective January 1, 1971.

Effective January 1, 1971