

### ACTS AND RESOLVES

### AS PASSED BY THE

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## STATE OF MAINE

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to this board by the Commissioner of Agriculture shall have an interest and a general knowledge of the blueberry industry as a whole and shall be a processor or shipper. One member shall be chosen from among the membership by a majority vote to serve as chairman of the advisory board and each member shall be compensated for his actual expenses. For the purpose of conducting business and carrying out the general purposes, the chairman may call meetings or any 3 members may call a meeting in the absence of the chairman.

Effective September 23, 1971

### Chapter 426

AN ACT Permitting Indian Homes to be Licensed as Foster Homes.

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

**R. S., T. 22, § 3797, sub-§ 1-A, additional.** Section 3797 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 1-A, to read as follows:

I-A. Indian reservations. Subsection I shall also apply to homes or day care facilities located upon Indian reservations. The department shall consider for licensure such facilities as are recommended by the Governor and tribal council of the reservations on which they are located.

Effective September 23, 1971

### Chapter 427

#### AN ACT Relating to Oral Settlements or Releases from Injured Persons Confined to Hospitals.

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

R. S., T. 17, § 3964, amended. The first sentence of section 3964 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Except as provided in this section, no settlement or general release or statement either oral, in writing, or electronically recorded signed made by any person confined in a hospital or sanitarium as a patient with reference to any personal injuries for which said person is confined in said hospital or sanitarium shall be admissible in evidence, used or referred to in any manner at the trial of any action to recover damages for personal injuries or consequential damages, so called, resulting therefrom, which statement, settlement or general release was obtained within  $\frac{10}{10}$  20 days after the injuries were sustained and such settlement or release shall be null and void.