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ACTS, RESOLVES AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 1062, sub-§ 3, ¶ B, amended.** The first sentence of paragraph B of subsection 3 of section 1062 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 45 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

On account of each member there shall be paid annually into the Retirement Allowance Fund by the State ~~for the preceding fiscal year~~ an amount equal to a certain percentage of the annual earnable compensation of such member to be known as the "employer contribution."

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, § 1062, sub-§ 5, amended.** The 2nd sentence of subsection 5 of section 1062 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

These estimates shall show the total requirements **necessary to meet the liabilities incurred** for the Retirement Allowance Fund, the Survivors' Benefit Fund and the Expense Fund for the ensuing biennium.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 5, § 1062, sub-§ 5, amended.** The last 3 sentences of subsection 5 of section 1062 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

On July 1, 1973 and thereafter on each and every payroll from which retirement contributions are deducted the State Controller shall cause a charge to be made to each department, agency or governmental unit of an amount or amounts in payment of the employer costs of all charges related to the Retirement System and which shall be credited to the appropriate funds as listed in section 1062, subsection 1. Percentage rates to be predetermined by the actuary and approved by the board of trustees shall be applied to the total gross salaries of members appearing on such payrolls and the resultant charges shall be periodically credited to the corresponding retirement fund.

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

Effective May 17, 1973

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## CHAPTER 370

### 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, as amended by chapter 427 of the public laws of 1971, is further 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 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 ~~20~~ 30 days after the injuries were sustained and such settlement or release shall be null and void.

Effective October 3, 1973

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## CHAPTER 371

### AN ACT to Enable Communities to Establish Multiple Community Solid Waste Districts.

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

R. S., T. 38, c. 15, additional. Title 38 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 15 to read as follows:

### CHAPTER 15

#### REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT ENABLING ACT

##### § 1551. Short title

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Regional Refuse Disposal Enabling Act."

##### § 1552. Policy

It is declared to be the policy of the State of Maine to facilitate the development of regional refuse disposal districts consisting of 2 or more municipalities.

##### § 1553. Purpose

The purpose of each district formed under this chapter shall be to construct, maintain, operate and provide a system of solid waste management for public purposes and for the health, welfare, comfort and convenience of the inhabitants of the district.

##### § 1554. Exemption from taxation

The property, both real and personal, rights and franchises, of any district formed under this chapter shall be exempt from taxation.

##### § 1555. Definitions

The term "refuse disposal facility" as used in this chapter means an incinerator, sanitary landfill, transfer station, composting plant, other means of solid waste disposal, or any combination of 2 or more such facilities.