

### ACTS, RESOLVES AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

#### AS PASSED BY THE

# One Hundred and Sixth Legislature

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# STATE OF MAINE

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Sec. 4. R. S., T. 30, §§ 3201-3209, repealed. Sections 3201 to 3209 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, are repealed.

Sec. 5. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Bureau of Labor and Industry the sum of \$2,800. The breakdown shall be as follows:

<sup>1</sup>973-74 <sup>1</sup>974-75

#### LABOR AND INDUSTRY, BUREAU OF

All Other

\$1,200 \$1,600

Effective October 3, 1973

### CHAPTER 453

#### AN ACT Relating to Release of Patients at Pineland Hospital and Training Center.

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

R. S., T. 34, § 2154, amended. The first sentence of section 2154 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The Superintendent of the Pineland Hospital and Training Center may at his discretion, except in instances of placement in the Pineland Hospital and Training Center under Title 15, section 101 or 103, release any patient for a definite or indefinite length of time to any responsible person under such conditions as the superintendent may specify, providing parents or guardians of such patients are consulted and have expressed in a signed written statement to be retained by the superintendent their opinion of this release, which release may at any time be revoked or extended.

Effective October 3, 1973

### CHAPTER 454

#### AN ACT Relating to Duration of Teachers' Contracts.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 161, sub-§ 5, amended. The first paragraph of subsection 5 of section 161 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 19 of chapter 425 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

5. Shall nominate teachers; election to be approved by committee; probationary period; teachers may be elected under contract. He shall nominate all teachers, subject to such regulations governing salaries and the qualifications of teachers as the school committee or school directors shall make, and

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upon the approval of nominations by said committee or directors, he may employ teachers so nominated and approved for such terms as he may deem proper, subject to the approval of the school committee or school directors. Except that after a probationary period of not to exceed 3 years, subsequent contracts of duly certified teachers shall be for not less than 2 years, and unless a duly certified teacher receives written notice to the contrary at least 6 months before the terminal date of the contract, the contract shall be extended automatically for one year and similarly in subsequent years until **age 65**, although the right to an extension for a longer period of time through a new contract is specifically reserved to the contracting parties. No 2-year contract shall be issued to any teacher age 64 or over. The superintendent may nominate and the school committee may elect teachers age 65 and over for a one-year period. After a probationary period of 3 years, any teacher, who receives notice in accordance with this section that his contract is not going to be renewed, may during the 15 days following such notification request a hearing with the school committee or governing board. He may request reasons. The hearing shall be private except by mutual consent and except that either or both parties may be represented by counsel. Such hearing must be granted within 30 days of the receipt of the teacher's request.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall become effective January 1, 1975.

Effective January 1, 1975

### CHAPTER 455

AN ACT Repealing Certain Laws Relating to Actions by Shareholders.

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

R. S., T. 13-A, § 627, sub-§§ 2 and 3, repealed. Subsections 2 and 3 of section 627 of Title 13-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 439 of the public laws of 1971, are repealed.

Effective October 3, 1973

## CHAPTER 456

AN ACT Relating to Discontinuance of Town Ways.

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

**R. S., T. 23, § 3004, amended.** Section 3004 of Title 23 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 270 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read as follows:

A town way which has not been maintained by the town for a period of 20 years shall thereby be discontinued by operation of law. Such discontinuance by operation of law shall be presumed to relegate the town way to the status of a private way.