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ACTS, RESOLVES AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

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registration plate is attached to a vehicle, the purchaser shall be furnished a certificate of temporary registration.

The Secretary of State may issue temporary plates and certificates to dealers who request them under such rules and regulations as he shall deem necessary and shall receive 75¢ per plate.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, §§ 331-332, 332-A and 332-B, 333-335, 335-A, 336, 336-A, 337-340, repealed. Sections 331 and 332, sections 332-A and 332-B, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 400 of the public laws of 1969, sections 333 to 335, section 335-A, as enacted by section 5 of chapter 400 of the public laws of 1969, section 336, section 336-A, as enacted by section 7 of chapter 400 of the public laws of 1969, and sections 337 to 340 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, are repealed.

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 530

AN ACT Relating to Access and Egress to Great Ponds.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 2557-B, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2557-B to read as follows:

§ 2557-B. Great ponds

Any person on foot may engage in any activity on the great ponds not inconsistent with any other law or regulation of the State or its political subdivisions.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 17, § 3860, additional. Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3860 to read as follows:

§ 3860. Great pond; access or egress

No person on foot shall be denied access or egress over unimproved land to a great pond except that this provision shall not apply to access or egress over the land of a water company or a water district when the water from the great pond is utilized as a source for public water.

The Attorney General shall, upon complaint of a person being denied said access or egress, if in his judgment the public interest so requires, prosecute criminally or civilly any person who denies such right of access or egress.

Any person may maintain an action in the Superior Court having jurisdiction where the alleged denial of access or egress occurred or is likely to occur for declaratory and equitable relief and actual and punitive damages against any person, partnership, corporation or other legal entity for any violations of this section.

Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 and by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 531

AN ACT to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act to Make Compensation for Permanent Partial Incapacity Coextensive with the Duration of Disability.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 39, § 55, amended. Section 55 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 140 of chapter 622 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

§ 55. Compensation for partial incapacity

While the incapacity for work resulting from the injury is partial, the employer shall pay the injured employee a weekly compensation equal to $\frac{2}{3}$ the difference, due to said injury, between his average weekly wages, earnings or salary before the accident and the weekly wages, earnings or salary which he is able to earn thereafter, but not more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the average weekly wage in the State of Maine as computed by the Employment Security Commission; and such weekly compensation shall be adjusted annually on July 1st so that it continues to bear the same percentage relationship to the average weekly wage in the State of Maine as computed by the Employment Security Commission, as it did at the time of the injury; ~~and in no case shall the period covered by such compensation be greater than 325 weeks from the date of the accident except for vocational rehabilitation services provided under sections 52 and 54.~~

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall become effective November 30, 1973.

Effective November 30, 1973

CHAPTER 532

AN ACT Providing for Irreconcilable Marital Differences as a Ground for Divorce.

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

R. S., T. 19, § 691, amended. The first sentence of section 691 of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

A divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed in the county where either party resides at the commencement of proceedings, for causes of adultery, impotence, extreme cruelty, utter desertion continued for 3 consecutive