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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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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

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## 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 Section 55 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 140 of chapter 622 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows: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

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## 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