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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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THE KNOWLTON AND McLEARY COMPANY  
FARMINGTON, MAINE  
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## CHAPTER 545

### AN ACT Relating to Severance Pay for Employees.

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

R. S., T. 26, § 625, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 625 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 452 of the Public Laws of 1971, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Whenever a person, firm or corporation which employs or which has employed at any time during the preceding 12-month period 100 or more persons in any one establishment or place of business, or the successors in interest of said person, firm or corporation, relocates or voluntarily quits that establishment or place of business in an area more than 150 miles from the present location, within or without the State of Maine, he shall pay to each employee at such establishment or place of business, an amount equal to the employees' gross weekly income at the time of relocation multiplied by the number of years the employee has been employed at said establishment or place of business. No such payment shall be required to be paid if an employee has been employed for less than 5 years at said establishment or place of business or if the employer has a legally binding pension plan covering each employee.

Effective October 3, 1973

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## CHAPTER 546

### AN ACT Relating to Criminal Penalties for the Possession, Manufacture and Cultivation of Cannabis, Mescaline and Peyote.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 2383, sub-§ 1, repealed and replaced. Subsection 1 of section 2383 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 7 of chapter 443 of the public laws of 1969, and as amended by section 2 of chapter 472 of the public laws of 1971, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

1. Manufacture or possess. Whoever manufactures, cultivates, grows or has under his control in connection with manufacturing, cultivating or growing Cannabis, Mescaline or Peyote or possesses Mescaline or Peyote, except as authorized by this chapter, shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and by imprisonment for not more than 11 months; and for any subsequent offense, by a fine of not more than \$2,000 and by imprisonment for not more than 2 years.

Whoever possesses Cannabis, except as authorized by this chapter, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and by imprisonment for not more than 11 months.

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