

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED BY THE  
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THE KNOWLTON AND MCLEARY COMPANY  
FARMINGTON, MAINE  
1975

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PUBLIC LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE

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## CHAPTER 368

## AN ACT Relating to Property Insurance under the Maine Consumer Credit Code.

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

Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA § 4-301, sub-§ 1, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 762, § 1, is amended to read:

1. A creditor may not contract for or receive a separate charge for insurance against loss of or damage to property ~~unless the credit transaction involves motor vehicle financing as defined in Title 9, chapters 321 to 327, or the financing of the purchase of a mobile home, as defined in Title 10, section 1402, subsection 2, and unless:~~

Sec. 2. 9-A MRSA § 4-301, sub-§§ 3, 4 and 5 are enacted to read:

3. With respect to a transaction, except pursuant to open-end credit, a creditor may not contract for or receive a separate charge for insurance against loss of or damage to property, unless the amount financed exclusive of charges for the insurance is \$500 or more and the cash price of the item or property is \$500 or more.

4. With respect to a transaction pursuant to open-end credit, the administrator may adopt rules consistent with the principles set out in subsections 1 and 2 prescribing whether, and the conditions under which, a creditor may contract for or receive a separate charge for insurance against loss of or damage to property.

5. The amounts of \$500 in subsection 3 are subject to change pursuant to the provisions on adjustment of dollar amounts, section 1-106.

Effective October 1, 1975

## CHAPTER 369

## AN ACT Concerning Off-duty Court Appearances by Law Enforcement Officers.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 173, sub-§ 4, 5th ¶, last sentence, is repealed as follows:

~~Neither the county nor the Treasurer of State shall be required to pay any fee for the services or expense of any state police officer, as an aid, a witness or in any other capacity~~

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA § 173, sub-§ 4, 8th ¶, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 622, § 5, is further amended by adding after the 2nd sentence a new sentence to read:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all law enforcement officers appearing in District Court at times other than their regular working hours, at the order of a prosecuting official and whether or not they are called upon to give testimony, shall be compensated out of the General Fund on an hourly basis equal to that established by the State for their range and step level.

Sec. 3. 16 MRSA § 252, first ¶, last sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 625, § 87, is further amended to read:

~~All municipal police officers~~ Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, all law enforcement officers appearing at the order of a prosecuting official before the Superior Court or grand jury, whether or not called upon to give testimony, at times other than their regular working hours shall be compensated on an hourly basis equal to their present rate of employment to be paid by the respective county treasurer.

Sec. 4. 25 MRSA § 1504, 3rd ¶, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

No inspector or member of the State Police shall receive any fee as a complainant or witness, or for making an arrest, except that whenever members of the State Police are required by any court or prosecuting official to be in attendance in any proceeding as a complainant or a witness at times other than regular working hours, such members shall receive compensation on an hourly basis equal to their current hourly wage. Such compensation shall be made to the members from the salary account of the State Police with reimbursement to the State Police from the General Fund for appearances before the District Court and from the respective county treasurer for appearances before the Superior Court. Whenever any fines or penalties are imposed by any court other than the District Court in any proceeding in which a member of the State Police is a complainant or a witness, said court may tax costs for such complainant or witness in the usual manner.

Effective October 1, 1975

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## CHAPTER 370

**AN ACT** Relating to Unlawful Discrimination in the Extension of Credit.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 4595, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 668, is amended to read:

The opportunity for every individual to be extended credit without discrimination solely because of any one or more of the following factors, age, race, color, sex, marital status, ancestry, religious creed or national origin, is recognized as and declared to be a civil right.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 4596, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 668, is amended to read: