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lance personnel in any municipality with a population of less than 10,000 persons unless the department finds, after a public hearing in the municipality in which the ambulance service is located, that both of the following conditions have been satisfied:

- A. A course in emergency medical training has been offered within 10 miles of the municipality during the 3 years preceding the public hearing;
- B. Local or state authorities have made adequate arrangements to provide for at least $\frac{2}{3}$ of the costs of this course.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 418

AN ACT Providing for the Observance of Memorial Day on May 30th.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 1051, first sentence, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 788, § 9, is amended to read:

No court shall be held on Sunday or any day designated for the annual Thanksgiving; or for the choice of Presidential Electors; New Year's Day, January 1st; Washington's Birthday, the 3rd Monday in February; Patriot's Day, the 3rd Monday in April; Memorial Day, the last Monday in 30th of May; the 4th of July; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; the day of the state-wide primary election; the day of the state election; the day of any special state-wide election; Columbus Day, the 2nd Monday in October; Veterans Day, November 11th; or on Christmas Day; and when the time fixed for a term of court falls on any of said days, it shall stand adjourned until the next day, which shall be deemed the first day of the term for all purposes.

Sec. 2. 9 MRSA § 131, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 585, § 11, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Any day of public thanksgiving, mourning or disaster, proclaimed or appointed by the Governor or by the President of the United States; the first day of January; Washington's Birthday, the 3rd Monday in February; Patriot's Day, the 3rd Monday in April; Memorial Day, the 3oth of May; the 4th of July; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; Columbus Day, the 2nd Monday in October; Veterans Day, November 11th; and the 25th day of December are declared to be bank holidays.

Sec. 3. 17 MRSA § 3204, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 114, § 4, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

No person, firm or corporation shall, on the Lord's Day; Memorial Day, the 30th of May; July 4th; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; Veterans Day, November 11th; Christmas Day and Thanksgiving Day as proclaimed by the Governor, keep open a place of business to the public except for works of necessity, emergency or charity.

Sec. 4. 20 MRSA § 801, first sentence, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 788, § 74, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The following days shall be observed as school holidays, namely: Patriot's Day, the 3rd Monday in April; Memorial Day, the 3oth of May; Independence Day, July 4th; Labor Day, the first Monday in September; Columbus Day, the 2nd Monday in October; Veterans Day, November 11th; Christmas Day, December 25th; Thanksgiving and Arbor Day, as appointed by the Governor.

Sec. 5. Effective date. This Act shall take effect whenever the United States Government designates May 30th as the date for observance of Memorial Day.

Directors note: See P.L. 1975, c. 623, §§ 81 and 82 concerning the effective date of this Act. See also P.L. 1975, c. 623, §§ 3-G and 3-H concerning section 1 of this Act.

CHAPTER 419

AN ACT to Clarify the Definition of Watch, Guard or Patrol Agency.

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

32 MRSA § 3803, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 582, § 1, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The phrase "business of" as used in this section shall not be interpreted to require the obtaining of a license in compliance with this chapter by any state, county or local law enforcement officer who is bonded in accordance with this chapter and who engages in that type of activity regulated by this chapter on a part-time, off-duty basis.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 420

AN ACT Requiring Employers to Give Employees a Written Statement of the Reason for Termination of Employment.

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

26 MRSA § 630 is enacted to read:

§ 630. Written statement of reason for termination of employment

An employer shall, upon written request of the affected employee, give that employee the written reasons for the termination of his employment.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 421

AN ACT to Provide for the Appointment or Election of a Fire Chief in Each Municipality.

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

30 MRSA § 3773, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 680, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: