

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS  
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  
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**Sec. 4.** 34 MRSA § 710, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 647, is further amended to read:

If a convict sentenced to the State Prison for life or for a limited term of years or transferred thereto ~~from the Men's Correctional Center~~ under sections 808-A or 529 or committed thereto for safekeeping under Title 15, section 453, assaults any officer or other person employed in the government thereof, or breaks or escapes therefrom, or attempts to do so, he may be punished by confinement to hard labor for any term of years, to commence after the completion of his former sentence or upon termination of such sentence by the State Parole Board; said termination shall not take place sooner than the expiration of the parole eligibility hearing date applicable to his former sentence.

**Sec. 5.** 34 MRSA § 710-A, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 622, § 124, is further amended to read:

If a convict, sentenced to the State Prison for life, or for a limited term of years, or transferred thereto ~~from the Men's Correctional Center~~ under sections 807 ~~and 808~~, 808-A or 529, or committed thereto for safekeeping under Title 15, section 453, if armed with a firearm, assaults any officer or other person employed in the government thereof, or breaks or escapes therefrom, or forcibly attempts to do so, he may be punished by confinement to hard labor for any term of years, to commence after the completion of his former sentence or upon termination of such sentence by the State Parole Board.

**Sec. 6.** 34 MRSA § 807, 3rd sentence, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1969, c. 541, is amended to read:

Any prisoner transferred to the center, under section 529 or 705, who violates this section shall be subject to section 710.

Effective October 1, 1975

## CHAPTER 493

### AN ACT Relating to Weekly Compensation Paid Under the Workmen's Compensation Law.

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

**Sec. 1.** 39 MRSA § 54, first and 3rd sentences, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 543, § 1, are further amended to read:

While the incapacity for work resulting from the injury is total, the employer shall pay the injured employee a weekly compensation equal to  $\frac{2}{3}$  his average gross weekly wages, earnings or salary, but not more than the average weekly wage in the State of Maine as computed by the Employment Security Commission ~~nor less than \$25 weekly~~;  $133\frac{1}{3}\%$  of such average weekly wage as of July 1, 1977;  $166\frac{2}{3}\%$  of such average weekly wage as of July 1, 1979; and  $200\%$  of such average weekly wage as of July 1, 1981; ~~nor less than \$25 weekly~~; and such weekly compensation shall be adjusted annually on July 1st so that it continues to bear the same percentage relationship

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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.

In the event of such permanent total incapacity, the employer shall pay the employee a weekly compensation equal to  $\frac{2}{3}$  his average gross weekly wage, earnings or salary but not more than the average weekly wage in the State of Maine as computed by the Employment Security Commission ~~nor less than \$25 weekly~~;  $133\frac{1}{3}\%$  of such average weekly wage as of July 1, 1977;  $166\frac{2}{3}\%$  of such average weekly wage as of July 1, 1979; and  $200\%$  of such average weekly wage as of July 1, 1981; nor less than \$25 weekly; 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.

Sec. 2. 39 MRSA § 55, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 788, § 224, is amended to read:

### § 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 gross weekly wages, earnings or salary before the injury and the weekly wages, earnings or salary which he is able to earn thereafter, but not more than the average weekly wage in the State of Maine as computed by the Employment Security Commission;  $133\frac{1}{3}\%$  of such average weekly wage as of July 1, 1977;  $166\frac{2}{3}\%$  of such average weekly wage as of July 1, 1979; and  $200\%$  of such average weekly wage as of July 1, 1981; 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.

Sec. 3. 39 MRSA § 58, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 543, § 3, is further amended to read:

If death results from the injury, the employer shall pay the dependents of the employee, dependent upon his earnings for support at the time of his ~~accident~~ injury, a weekly payment equal to  $\frac{2}{3}$  his average gross weekly wages, earnings or salary, but not more than the average weekly wage in the State of Maine as computed by the Employment Security Commission ~~nor less than \$25 weekly, from the date of death~~;  $133\frac{1}{3}\%$  of such average weekly wage as of July 1, 1977;  $166\frac{2}{3}\%$  of such average weekly wage as of July 1, 1979; and  $200\%$  of such average weekly wage as of July 1, 1981; nor less than \$25 weekly; from the date of death, until such time as provided for in the following paragraph.