

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED BY THE  
One Hundred and Sixth Legislature  
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Sec. 2. 37-A MRSA § 57, sub-§ 2, ¶ G, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 757, § 2, is repealed.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 25, 1975

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## CHAPTER 583

### AN ACT to Create the Maine Correctional Advisory Commission.

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

34 MRSA § 525-A is enacted to read:

#### § 525-A. Maine Correctional Advisory Commission

There is established the Maine Correctional Advisory Commission, composed of 12 members, consisting of one Member from the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House and one Member from the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, and 10 representative citizens, appointed by the Governor, including at least one full-time nonadministrative employee from the correctional system and at least one former inmate of the correctional system. The Governor shall designate the chairman. Of the first gubernatorial appointments, 4 shall be for a term of 3 years, 3 shall be for a term of 2 years and 3 shall be for a term of one year. Thereafter, appointments shall be made for a term of 3 years. Each member of the commission may receive his actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of duties pertaining to his office. In addition, the commission shall be authorized to receive public and private grants to aid in defraying the costs of its operation.

The duties of the Maine Correctional Advisory Commission shall be to act in an advisory capacity to the commissioner and to the Director of the Bureau of Corrections in assessing present programs, planning future programs and in developing on-going policies to meet the correctional needs of the State of Maine. To this end, the commission shall regularly advise the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government concerning correctional policy and shall issue a report containing the results of its studies to the Legislature, the Governor and the commissioner on December 31st of each year. The commission shall meet as often as necessary, at the discretion of its chairman, and shall adopt its own rules of procedure necessary to carry out its duties.

Effective October 1, 1975

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## CHAPTER 584

### AN ACT to Require the Commissioner of Agriculture to Report Yearly to the Legislature on Methods of Stimulating and Encouraging the Growth and Modernization of Agricultural Enterprises.

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

7 MRSA § 2, sub-§ 5 is enacted to read:

5. Report. Report and make recommendations to each Legislature with respect to methods of stimulating and encouraging the growth and modernization of agricultural enterprises in this State. Such report shall be made available to the Legislature on the first day of the 3rd week following the convening of the Legislature for the regular session, and on the first day of the 2nd week following the convening of the Legislature for the first special session of the year in the year following the year of the regular session. For purposes of obtaining information, the Department of Agriculture may hold public hearings throughout the State, after giving public notice thereof.

Effective October 1, 1975

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## CHAPTER 585

AN ACT to Provide Lifeline Electrical Service for Older Citizens.

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

Sec. 1. 35 MRSA c. 4 is enacted to read:

### CHAPTER 4

#### OLDER CITIZENS LIFELINE ELECTRICAL SERVICE LAW

##### § 81. Title

This chapter shall be known as the Older Citizens Lifeline Electrical Service Law.

##### § 82. Policy

It is declared that it is a policy of the State of Maine to insure an adequate electrical utility service to older citizens at a price they can afford. Older citizens today face a special crisis in surviving under the constant increase in the cost of living and particularly in the cost of fuel and utility services. It is the purpose of lifeline electrical service to alleviate the upward spiral in the cost of electrical service to older citizens and at the same time to encourage as well as reward the conservation of scarce energy supplies by adopting the approach of constant per unit cost for the use of electricity. It is the policy of the State that older citizens be able to receive electrical service for basic necessities of modern life, such as lighting and refrigeration, at a stable, fair and reasonable minimum cost and to encourage the reduction of electrical power consumption for all other uses beyond such basic necessities.

##### § 83. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words shall have the following meanings.

1. Household. "Household" means a claimant and spouse and members of the household for whom the claimant under Title 36, chapter 901 is entitled to claim an exemption as a dependent under Title 36, chapter 801 for the year for which relief is requested.

2. Household income. "Household income" means all income received by all persons of a household in a calendar year while members of the household.