

# 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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One Hundred and Seventh Legislature  
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THE KNOWLTON AND MCLEARY COMPANY  
FARMINGTON, MAINE  
1975

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PUBLIC LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE  
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## CHAPTER 609

### AN ACT Relating to Registration of Certain Vehicles under the Motor Vehicle Laws.

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

29 MRSA § 256, 2nd ¶, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 360, § 16, is further amended to read:

All vehicles owned and used by any municipal corporation therein and all motor vehicles loaned by automobile dealers to municipalities for use in driver education in the secondary schools and all motor vehicles loaned by automobile dealers to private secondary schools for use in driver education in such schools and all motor vehicles for use in volunteer ambulance and rescue squad services in such municipalities shall be registered, but shall be exempt from the provisions of this Title as to payment of registration fees, except that when such vehicles are leased or rented for commercial purposes they shall be subject to payment of the fees as provided in this Title.

Effective October 1, 1975

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## CHAPTER 610

### AN ACT Establishing an Annual Sentencing Institute for the Maine Criminal Courts.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 454 is enacted to read:

#### § 454. Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute

There is established a Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute under the administrative supervision of the Judicial Council to provide a continuing forum for the regular discussion by criminal judges, prosecutors, law enforcement and correctional personnel of the most appropriate methods of sentencing convicted offenders. All Superior Court and District Court Judges, all District Attorneys and attorneys within the Criminal Division of the Office of the Attorney General, and such other criminal justice personnel as the Judicial Council may authorize shall be members of the institute.

The institute shall meet annually, at the call of the Judicial Council, for a 2-day period within an existing state correctional facility to discuss recommendations for changes in the sentencing authority and policies of the state's criminal courts, in response to current law enforcement problems and the available alternatives for criminal rehabilitation within the state's correctional system. Inasmuch as possible the deliberations of the institute shall be open to the general public, and all Superior Court and District Court Judges appointed since the last convening of the institute shall be required to attend.

Members of the institute shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed, out of any appropriation or other fund made available for the purpose, such expenses for clerical and other services, travel and incidentals as the Judicial Council may authorize.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute the sum of \$4,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1975-76	1976-77
MAINE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SENTENCING INSTITUTE		
All Other	\$2,000	\$2,000

Effective October 1, 1975

## CHAPTER 611

### AN ACT Relating to Hearing for Provisional Motor Vehicle Licensee on Suspension.

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

29 MRSA § 2241, last ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 361, is further amended by inserting before the last sentence the following:

Except that a hearing may be requested of the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State shall afford said provisional licensee opportunity for hearing as soon as practicable after receipt of such request. Upon such hearing, the Secretary of State, for good cause shown, may continue, modify or rescind the suspension.

Effective October 1, 1975

## CHAPTER 612

### AN ACT to Improve Procedures under the State Employees Labor Relations Act.

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

**Sec. 1.** 26 MRSA § 979-E, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 774, is amended to read:

§ 979-E. Bargaining unit; how determined

1. In the event of a dispute between the public employer and an employee or employees as to the appropriateness of a unit for purposes of collective bargaining or between the public employer and an employee or employees