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## **STATE OF MAINE**

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#### PUBLIC LAWS, 1975

Whereas, the Legislative Council has admitted this Bill for our consideration; and

Whereas, this is the Bicentennial Year, the citizens of the State of Maine can take satisfaction in their state's contributions to the Union; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

I MRSA § 116 is enacted to read:

#### § 116. Statehood Day

March 15th of each year shall be designated as Statehood Day, and the Governor shall annually issue a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State of Maine to observe the day in schools and other suitable places with appropriate ceremony and activity. Statehood Day shall commemorate the admission of Maine as a state into the United States of America and the ideals and wisdom of those men and women who have formed Maine's history and traditions. The Department of Educational and Cultural Services shall make appropriate information available to the people and the schools within the limits of its budget.

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

Effective February 18, 1976

CHAPTER 643

### AN ACT Authorizing the Department of Mental Health and Corrections to Purchase Residential Services.

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

34 MRSA § 2 is amended to read :

### § 2. General powers

The department shall have authority to perform such acts, relating to the care, custody, treatment, relief and improvement of the inmates of the institutions under its control, as are not contrary to law, or to purchase residential services when the department does not provide the appropriate institutional services for the inmate or client.

Effective July 29, 1976