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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

### RESOLVES

OF THE

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1975

Despite this knowledge, a window screen was left unlocked in her room, it being not the normal course of procedure and operation in this ward to allow the window screen to be left unlocked.

As a result of the alleged negligence of the employees of the Augusta Mental Health Institute, she was allowed to jump from the 3rd floor window and received severe personal injuries including, but not limited to, broken legs and a broken hip.

Such action, if authorized, is to be brought in the Superior Court for the County of Kennebec within one year from the passage of this resolve, against the State of Maine for damages, if any, and the conduct of such action shall be according to the practice of actions or proceedings between parties in said Superior Court. The liabilities of the parties and elements of damage, if any, shall be the same as liabilities and elements of damage as between individuals. The complaint issuing out of said Superior Court under the authority of this resolve shall be served on the Secretary of State by attested copy by the sheriff or either of his deputies in any county of the State of Maine. The Attorney General is authorized and designated to appear, answer and defend said action.

Any judgment that may be recovered in this civil action shall be payable from the State Treasury on file process issued by the said Superior Court, or, if applicable, the Supreme Judicial Court and costs may be taxed for Peggy Lanpher if she recovers in the action, and her recovery shall not exceed \$50,000, including costs. Hearing thereon shall be before a Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court or Superior Court without a jury, said Justice to be assigned by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Effective October 1, 1975

### CHAPTER 15

RESOLVE, for Laying of the County Taxes for the Years Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-five and Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-six.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and Resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment, unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the several counties hereinafter named have certain expenses and liabilities which must be met as they become due; and

Whereas, it is necessary that the taxes for the year 1975 hereinafter mentioned be immediately assessed, in order to provide the required revenue for the several counties; 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

County taxes apportioned. Resolved: That the sums appearing opposite to the names of the counties in the following schedule are hereby granted as a tax on each county respectively, to be appropriated, assessed, collected and applied to the purposes of paying debts and necessary expenses of the same and for purposes

of law, for the years 1975 and 1976, except that such sums as relate to 1976 shall be reduced by the amounts made available by the Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 408. The approval of the second year of the budgets, 1976, for the counties is made subject to later review and possible revision by the Legislature, provided that until such review and revision is completed, the counties shall continue to appropriate, assess and collect taxes as herein provided.

1975	1976
\$ 767,408	\$ 734,352
646,694	666,367
1,661,745	1,964,662
346,939	380,575
475,246	511,020
836,342	1,000,642
406,400	350,090
545,068	528,420
484,996	544,225
1,160,987	1,047,179
221,358	220,403
335,548	326,637
441,472	443,387
	391,001
376,099	351,327
676,553	657,764
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The foregoing figures represent the total amount of taxes authorized for each year of the biennium. These figures are based upon budgets approved by the Legislature and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State, upon this resolve becoming effective, shall forward to the chairman of the commissioners of each county, a certified copy of each county's budget in summary form and shall provide specific total amounts for personal services, contractual services, commodities, debt service, capital expenditures and contingent.

The county commissioners of each county are granted, where necessary, the authority to appropriate, assess and collect in the year 1976 such additional tax as will enable them to restore the contingent account to its established amount as specified in the budgets approved by the 107th Legislature. Before such additional tax may be levied, the county commissioners shall transfer to the contingent account those funds described in the Revised Statutes, Title 30, sections 252 and 408.

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

Effective May 30, 1975

#### CHAPTER 16

RESOLVE, Designating the Bridge Between East Machias and Machiasport as "Rim Memorial Bridge."

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, an historic battle, known as the Battle of the Rim, was fought in this area during the Revolutionary War; and