

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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benefits from social security, veterans administration, railroad retirement or any other like benefits paid on behalf of any mentally retarded individual, and shall apply such benefits toward the care and treatment of any such mentally retarded individual.

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

Effective April 6, 1977

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## CHAPTER 51

### AN ACT Pertaining to Hospital Liens.

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

10 MRSA § 3414, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 373, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The clerk shall make a proper index of the same in the name of the injured person and such clerk shall be entitled to be paid a fee of \$5 by the lien claimant for such filing, which shall be prepaid.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 52

### AN ACT to Improve the Viability and Efficiency of Local Conservation Commissions.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 3851, first 2 sentences, as repealed and replaced by PL 1969, c. 394, § 3-A, are repealed and the following enacted in their places:

Municipalities may establish conservation commissions. The municipal officers may appoint not less than 3, nor more than 7 conservation commissioners. The terms of office initially shall be one, 2 and 3 years, such that the terms of approximately  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the members shall expire each year, or until the appointment of their successors, and their successors shall be appointed for terms of 3 years each. Any commissioner presently serving a term greater than 3 years may serve until his term expires. The appointment of his successor shall be for a term of 3 years.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 3851, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 544, § 106, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph to read:

The commission may recommend to the municipal officers the appointment of associate members to assist the commission as the commission may from time to time require. Such associate members shall be nonvoting members. The terms of office shall be for one, 2 or 3 years.

Effective October 24, 1977

## CHAPTER 53

### AN ACT Relating to Work Probation in Lieu of Fine.

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA § 1152, sub-§ 2, ¶ A, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. A suspended term of imprisonment or a suspended fine with probation as authorized by chapter 49;

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA § 1152, sub-§ 3, ¶ A, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. A suspended fine with probation or an unconditional discharge as authorized by chapter 49;

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA § 1201, sub-§ 1, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 740, § 109, is amended to read:

A person who has been convicted of any crime may be sentenced to a suspended term of imprisonment with probation or to a suspended fine with probation or to an unconditional discharge, unless:

Sec. 4. 17-A MRSA § 1204, sub-§ 2-A, ¶¶ K and L, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 740, § 110-A, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

K. To pay a fine as authorized by chapter 53;

L. To perform specified work for the benefit of the State, a county, a municipality, a School Administrative District, other public entity or a charitable institution; or

M. To satisfy any other conditions reasonably related to the rehabilitation of the convicted person or the public safety or security.

Effective October 24, 1977