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Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §§ 1763, 1764, 1765, 1766 and 1767 are repealed.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 111

AN ACT to Revise the Laws Relative to the State Military and Naval Children's Home.

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

Sec. 1. 34 MRSA § 2951 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2951. Military and Naval home declared a state institution; purposes

The Military and Naval Children's Home is declared to be a state institution, the purpose of which is the shelter and care of children of this State who are in need of it due to one or more of the following reasons: Lack of appropriate alternative shelter and care, potential or actual abuse or neglect, or family crisis and upheaval, preference being given to the children of veterans of Maine who have served in the various wars in which the United States has been engaged. The Department of Mental Health and Corrections shall have charge of the affairs of the Military and Naval Children's Home. Its head shall be called the superintendent.

Sec. 2. 34 MRSA § 2952 is repealed.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 112

AN ACT Relating to Reconstruction of Certain Railroad Grade Separation Structures on Nonfederal Aid State Aid Highways.

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA § 1103, 1st ¶, last sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 593, § 22, is further amended to read:

Towns may, upon petition of the selectmen of the town and approval of the department, use a portion or all of the state aid joint fund of the town toward the town's share of the cost of construction or reconstruction of bridges under the Bridge Act or for the town's share of the cost of reconstruction of railroad grade separation structures, on nonfederal aid state aid highways, under section 3411.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA § 3411, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 593, § 13, is amended by adding at the end of paragraph 2 a new paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the cost of reconstruction of railroad grade separation structures carrying the highway over the railroad, including the alterations to the approaches to said structure, on nonfederal aid state aid highways shall be apportioned as follows: 70% to the Department of Transportation, 10% to the railroad corporation and 20% to the municipality or the county having jurisdiction of the roads in any unorganized township in which said structure is located, provided that the Department of Transportation may vary the aforesaid percentages of cost as it may deem proper after due consideration of the relative benefits to be derived from such reconstruction.

Sec. 3. Effective Date. This Act shall become effective July 1, 1978.

Effective July 1, 1978

CHAPTER 113

AN ACT Pertaining to Funding the Central Licensing Division of the Department of Business Regulation.

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

10 MRSA § 8003, sub-§ 6, 1st sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 767, § 9, is amended to read:

The commissioner is authorized to assess each bureau, board or commission, whose licenses are to be processed and issued by the licensing division, an amount sufficient to cover the cost of operating the division provided such assessment does not exceed \$2 per license.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 114

AN ACT to Revise the Laws Relating to State Financing of the Expenses of the Superior and Supreme Judicial Courts.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 55 is repealed and the following enacted in its place: