

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sec. 6. 22 MRSA § 3792, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 590, § 31, is further amended by inserting before the last sentence the following new sentence:

An order for child support under this section may include an order for the payment of part or all of the medical expenses, hospital expenses and other health care expenses of the children or an order to provide a policy or contract for coverage of such expenses.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 119

### AN ACT Concerning Revocation of Certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licenses.

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

12 MRSA § 2401-B, sub-§ 16, ¶ I is enacted to read:

I. Revocation by commissioner. The commissioner may revoke, without refund, any resident license, if the licensee fails to furnish proof of residence within 14 days of written request. Such request shall be made to the address shown on the license.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 120

### AN ACT Relating to Dogs Running at Large.

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

7 MRSA § 3457, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 45, § 1, is amended to read:

#### § 3457. Penalties

~~Instead of~~ In addition to seizing and impounding the dog, the officer, having jurisdiction, may prosecute the owner of any dog running at large, and

any person upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 121

**AN ACT to Provide Certain Travel Expenses for County Commissioners of all Counties.**

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

30 MRSA § 106, 2nd ¶, first 2 sentences, as amended by PL 1975, c. 267, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

These salaries shall be in full for all services of the commissioners, including the management of the jails. These salaries shall also be the full compensation for any expenses or travel to and from the county seat for any commissioner, except as provided in this paragraph and section 55. The county commissioners may, by majority vote, allow the payment of all necessary expenses and travel allowances to and from the county seat by commissioners who live more than 5 miles from the county seat.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 122

**AN ACT to Standardize the Provision of Copies of Medical Records to Patients of Hospitals.**

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

22 MRSA § 1711 is enacted to read:

§ 1711. Patient access to hospital medical records

If a patient of an institution licensed as a hospital by the State, after discharge from such institution, makes written request for copies of his or her medical records, the copies shall, if available, be made available within a reasonable time unless, in the opinion of the hospital, it would be detrimental to the health of the patient to obtain the records. If the hospital is of the opinion that release of the records to the patient would be detrimental to the health of the patient, the hospital shall advise the patient that copies of the records shall be made available to the patient's authorized representative upon presentation of a proper authorization signed by the patient.