

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

January 5, 1977 to July 25, 1977

PUBLISHED BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,  
TITLE 3, SECTION 164, SUBSECTION 6.

---

PORTLAND LITHOGRAPH COMPANY  
PORTLAND, MAINE  
1977

---

---

PUBLIC LAWS  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED AT THE  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

of the  
ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

1977

---

---

good faith of this State and either the county in which the military installation or installations or other place at which he has been stationed is located or of the county in which he has sojourned.

Sec. 2. 19 MRSA § 722-A, sub-§ 4, is enacted to read:

4. Disposition of marital property. If both parties to a divorce action also request the court in writing to order disposition of marital property acquired by either or both of the parties to the divorce prior to January 1, 1972, or nonmarital property owned by the parties to the divorce action, the court shall also order such disposition in accordance with subsection 1.

Sec. 3. 19 MRSA § 726 is enacted to read:

§ 726. Corroborating witness

When the merits of a divorce action are not contested, whether or not an answer has been filed, there shall be no requirement that the testimony of the complaining party be corroborated by witnesses.

Effective October 24, 1977

---



---

## CHAPTER 227

AN ACT to Repeal Certain Laws Relating to Occupations and Professions.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 1701, as amended by PL 1971, c. 592, § 28, is further amended to read:

§ 1701. License required

No manufacturer, whether a person, firm or corporation, shall sell or offer for sale material used for the protection of buildings from damage by lightning until licensed to do so by the ~~Commissioner of Public Safety~~ **Electricians' Examining Board**.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 1702, as amended by PL 1971, c. 592, § 36, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1702. Conditions; bond; guarantee

No such license shall be issued until the Electricians' Examining Board has approved of the material made by such manufacturer for protection from lightning and of the manner and system of installing such material, nor until such manufacturer has filed a bond with the board in the penal sum of \$10,000,

with surety or sureties satisfactory to the board, conditioned for fulfilling the guarantee agreement provided for by this section together with a written stipulation that legal process affecting such manufacturer or his agent, served upon the board for the time being, shall have the same effect as if personally served upon such manufacturer or his agent within the State. The manufacturer shall file with the board a copy of the guarantee agreement to be issued by him, which shall be in a form approved by the board and must provide in substance that in the event of damage by lightning to property equipped by the manufacturer or his agent, any money paid for the equipment of that building shall be returned to the owner thereof or the damage to that building repaired. When the manufacturer has complied with the foregoing requirements and the board is satisfied that the manufacturer is safe and reliable as to assets, business standing and methods and is entitled to confidence, the board shall issue a license to such manufacturer, to continue in force one year from date of issue. The license may be revoked at any time by the board for good cause after a hearing.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA § 1703, 1st sentence, as amended by PL 1971, c. 592, § 36, is further amended to read:

Upon written notice from a manufacturer, licensed under section 1702, of the appointment of a suitable person, who must be a resident of the State, to act as his agent in this State, and upon the presentation of a certificate of the good reputation and moral character of such person, signed by the mayor or selectmen of the city or town of which he is a resident, the ~~Commissioner of Public Safety~~ board may, if he it is satisfied that the appointee is a suitable person and a resident of this State, issue to him a license as such agent.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA § 1703, last sentence, is amended to read:

Such license shall continue in force until the 31st day of December following the date of issue but may be revoked at any time by the ~~commissioner~~ board for good cause after a hearing.

Sec. 5. 32 MRSA § 1706, as amended by PL 1971, c. 592, § 36, is further amended to read:

§ 1706. Holder of guarantee agreement may bring civil action on bond

The holder of any guarantee agreement issued under section 1702 may bring a civil action in the name of the ~~Commissioner of Public Safety~~ board upon the bond provided by said section and have the same procedure and remedies thereon as in the case of official bond of sheriffs, but the amount of damages need not be first ascertained. Whenever legal process against such manufacturer is served upon the ~~commissioner~~ board, he shall take such action as is provided in the case of the service of legal process against foreign insurance companies.