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CHAPTER 343

AN ACT Relating to Granting Administration of an Intestate's Goods or Estate under the Law of Decedent's Estates.

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

18 MRSA § 1551, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 598, § 20, is further amended to read:

§ 1551. Letters of administration

Upon the death of any person intestate, the judge having jurisdiction shall grant administration of such intestate's goods or estate to the widow, widower, husband next of kin, or husband of the daughter of the deceased, or wife of the son of the deceased, or to 2 or more of them, as he thinks fit, if the applicants are more than 18 years old and are in other respects qualified for the trust, but if unsuitable or being residents in the county they, after due notice, neglect or refuse for 30 days from the death of the intestate to take out letters of administration, he may commit administration on such estate to such person as he deems suitable.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 344

AN ACT Empowering the State of Maine to Enter into the Interstate Corrections Compact.

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

34. MRSA c. 74 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 74

INTERSTATE CORRECTIONS COMPACT

§ 1351. Purpose and policy—Article I

The party states, desiring by common action to fully utilize and improve their institutional facilities and provide adequate programs for the confinement, treatment and rehabilitation of various types of offenders, declare that it is the policy of each of the party states to provide such facilities and programs on a basis of cooperation with one another, thereby serving the best interests of such offenders and of society and effecting economies in capital