

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**  
**AT THE**

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No statement, except made in proceedings before the ~~Industrial Accident~~ **Workers' Compensation** Commission, to any investigator or employer's representative, of any kind, oral or written, recorded or unrecorded, made by the injured employee shall be admissible in evidence or considered in any way in any proceeding under this Title unless:

Effective July 6, 1978

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## CHAPTER 613

### AN ACT to Simplify Notice Procedures Required in Workmen's Compensation Cases.

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

Sec. 1. 39 MRSA § 98, 1st sentence, is amended to read:

The whole matter shall then be referred to a single commissioner, who shall fix a time for hearing upon at least a 5 days' notice given to all the parties or to the attorney of record of each party.

Sec. 2. 39 MRSA § 99, 4th sentence, is amended to read:

His decision, findings of fact and rulings of law, and any other matters pertinent to the questions so raised shall be filed in the office of the commission, and a copy thereof attested by the clerk of the commission mailed forthwith to all parties interested or to the attorney of record of each party.

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## CHAPTER 614

### AN ACT to Include "Mobile Home" in the Definition of "Homestead" for the Purposes of the Homestead Exemption from Certain Attachments.

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

14 MRSA § 4551, last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 512, § 2, is amended to read:

The term "homestead" means a lot of land and the building thereon, owned by the householder, who uses the same as his principle place of abode or a mobile home owned by the householder and used by him as his principal place of abode, whether or not that mobile home is placed upon a lot of land owned by the householder.

Effective July 6, 1978

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## CHAPTER 615

### AN ACT to Require Cooperation of State Agencies in Compiling Labor and Industrial Statistics for the Bureau of Labor.

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

26 MRSA § 42, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 270, is further amended by adding after the 3rd sentence the following new sentence to read:

Each agency of government shall cooperate fully with the bureau's efforts to compile labor and industrial statistics.

Effective July 6, 1978

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## CHAPTER 616

### AN ACT to Exempt the Industrial Accident Commission From the Administrative Procedure Act.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the effective date of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act is July 1, 1978; and

Whereas, the adjudicatory and appeals process of the Industrial Accident Commission will be directly effected by the Maine Administrative Procedure Act; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace,