

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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

34 MRSA § 1, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 674, § 28, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentences to read:

The commissioner may, with the approval of the Director of Public Improvements, lease unused buildings at the institutions for the purposes of providing services to departmental clients. These leases shall be for a period not to exceed one year.

The commissioner shall submit a plan of these proposed leases and their impact on the institutions and the departmental clients to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services no later than January 31st of each year.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 33

H. P. 189 — L. D. 239

**AN ACT to Specifically Define what Constitutes a Law Enforcement Officer's Signal to a Motorist to Stop.**

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

29 MRSA § 2121, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 731, § 58, is further amended by adding after the first sentence the following:

For the purposes of this section, the term "signal" may include the use of a hand signal, siren or flashing emergency lights.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 34

S. P. 133 — L. D. 310

**AN ACT to Increase the Certification Fees for Geologists.**

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

32 MRSA § 4912, sub-§ 2, as amended by PL 1975, c. 760, § 15, is further amended to read:

2. The initial and annual renewal fees for certification as a geologist or soil scientist shall be fixed at ~~\$15~~ \$20.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 35

S. P. 171 — L. D. 371

**AN ACT Concerning the Maine Property Insurance Cancellation Control Act and to Make Nonpayment to an Agent Equivalent to Nonpayment to the Insurer.**

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

24-A MRSA § 3049, as amended by PL 1977, c. 414, § 1, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“Nonpayment of premium” means failure of the named insured to discharge when due any of his obligations in connection with the payment of premium on the policy, or any installment of a premium, whether the premium is payable directly to the insurer or its agent or indirectly under any premium finance plan or extension of credit.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 36

S. P. 191 — L. D. 458

**AN ACT Increasing the Number of Laymen on the Judicial Council.**

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

4 MRSA § 451, next to last sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 21, is further amended to read:

The council shall be composed of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, who shall also serve as chairman, the Attorney General, the Chief Judge of the District Court, and the Dean of the University of Maine School of Law, each to serve ex officio, and an Active or Retired Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, 2 Justices of the Superior Court, one Judge of the District Court, one judge of a