

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

**Sec. 1.** 4 MRSA § 454, first ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 650, is further amended to read:

There is established a Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute under the administrative supervision of the State Court Administrator to provide a continuing forum for the regular discussion ~~by criminal judges, prosecutors, law enforcement and correctional personnel~~ of the most appropriate methods of sentencing convicted offenders ~~by judges in the criminal justice system, prosecutors, law enforcement and correctional personnel and such representatives of the defense bar as the chairman of the Judicial Council may invite.~~ All Supreme Judicial Court, Superior Court ~~and~~, District Court ~~and~~ Administrative Court Judges, all District Attorneys and attorneys within the Criminal Division of the Office of the Attorney General, and such other criminal justice personnel as the Judicial Council may authorize shall be members of the institute.

**Sec. 2.** 4 MRSA § 454, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 610, § 1, is amended to read:

The institute shall meet ~~annually~~ **not less than once every 3 years**, at the call of the Judicial Council, for a 2-day period ~~within an existing state correctional facility~~ to discuss recommendations for changes in the sentencing authority and policies of the state's criminal courts, in response to current law enforcement problems and the available alternatives for criminal rehabilitation within the state's correctional system. Inasmuch as possible the deliberations of the institute shall be open to the general public ~~and all Superior Court and District Court Judges appointed since the last convening of the institute shall be required to attend.~~

Effective September 14, 1979

## CHAPTER 48

H. P. 147 — L. D. 150

**AN ACT to Revise the Service Charge for Local Vehicle Registration Agents.**

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

29 MRSA § 52-A, first ¶, last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 694, § 486, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**The agents may charge any applicant a fee not to exceed \$1 over and above the**

required registration fee for each renewal issued and a fee not to exceed \$2 in the case of each new registration issued, the service charges to be retained by the municipality.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 49

H. P. 182 — L. D. 232

**AN ACT to Amend the Duties of the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services Relating to Bilingual Education.**

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

20 MRSA § 102, sub-§ 16, 2nd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 26, is amended to read:

Subject to the annual approval of the commissioner, the school committee or the school directors of any administrative unit having children from non-English-speaking families may provide programs involving bilingual education techniques designed to provide children at the elementary grades with educational experiences to enhance their learning. ~~If an emergency situation should be created at the secondary level, the commissioner may give temporary approval for such programs.~~

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 50

S. P. 153 — L. D. 369

**AN ACT Relating to Plumbing Inspectors.**

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

30 MRSA § 3224, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 521, § 4, is amended to read:

§ 3224. **Approving own work forbidden**

No inspector of plumbing may inspect or approve any plumbing work, or installation of a subsurface disposal system, done by himself, or by any person by