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STATE OF MAINE

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- (1) Board of Trustees Group Accident and Sickness or Health Insurance;
- (2) Maine Vocational Development Commission;
- (3) Post-secondary Education Commission of Maine;
- (4) Advisory Committee on Maine Public Broadcasting;
- (5) State Government Internship Program Advisory Committee;
- (6) State Historian;
- (7) Historic Preservation Commission;
- (8) Maine State Commission on the Arts and the Humanities;
- (9) Maine Occupational Information Coordinating Committee; and
- (10) Maine Historical Society.

Effective July 3, 1980

CHAPTER 655

H. P. 1687 — L. D. 1795

AN ACT to Increase Interest Rates on Judgment Debts.

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA § 1602, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 147, is amended to read:

§ 1602. Interest on judgments

In all civil actions, except those actions involving a contract or note which contract or note contains a provision relating to interest, interest shall be assessed **at the rate of 8% per year** from the date on which the complaint is filed in court, provided that, if the prevailing party at any time requests and obtains a continuance for a period in excess of 30 days, interest will be suspended for the duration of the continuance. From and after the date of entry of an order for judgment, including the period of the pendency of an appeal, interest shall be allowed at the rate of ~~10%~~ **12%** per year.

Sec. 2. **Application.** The increases in interest rates in this Act shall apply to actions and awards in which the complaint or petition is filed on or after July 1,

1980. On petition of the nonprevailing party and on a showing of good cause for failing to immediately satisfy the judgment, the trial court may order that interest awarded either before or after the entry of the order for judgment shall be fully or partially waived.

Effective July 3, 1980

CHAPTER 656

H. P. 1894 — L. D. 1967

AN ACT Concerning the Temporary Certification of Driver Education Teachers.

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

20 MRSA § 2455, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 258, is amended to read:

1. **Temporary certification.** When an instructor duly certified by the State Board of Education is not available **within an administrative unit, upon the request of that unit** the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services ~~may~~ **shall** grant temporary driver education teacher certification to a person licensed by the Secretary of State to teach driver education, **and the administrative unit may employ that person.**

Effective July 3, 1980

CHAPTER 657

H. P. 1765 — L. D. 1897

AN ACT Relating to the Administration of the State Employees Group Accident and Sickness or Health Insurance Plan.

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

5 MRSA § 286, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 543, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 286. Administration

1. **Board of trustees; regulations.** The board of trustees shall be responsible for the efficient operation of this group insurance program and is authorized to promulgate such regulations as are necessary to properly administer the plan,