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PREFACE

This is the third volume of the "Laws of Maine" for 1979, which contain all laws and related papers as enacted or approved at the Second Regular and Third Special Session of the 109th Legislature.

The publication of the Second Regular Session and Special Session in a separate volume continues the practice started in 1975 of not carrying forward laws of one legislative session and publishing them in the front of the laws of the next legislative publication of the Laws of Maine. This procedure avoids confusion and reduces the bulk of each volume to a more manageable size.

The practice of identifying laws passed by a given Legislature by the first, or odd number, year of the biennium has been continued, although annual sessions of the Legislature have been called since the 108th Legislature. To further complicate matters, the 110th Legislature convened in December of 1980 rather than January of 1981. In order to maintain consistency with the biennial numbering system, the laws passed in December of 1980 will be published with and cited as the laws of 1981.

Also, to conserve costly shelf space, beginning with the end of this 1979-1980 biennium, cumulative cross reference tables and a cumulative index will be published at the lowest cost in an individually bound volume so that it may be discarded upon publication of its successor. To serve the immediate needs for index and tables following the First Regular Session, a session index and tables will be included in the first volume of each biennial publication which will be followed as stated before, by a cumulative index and cross reference tables at the end of the biennium in a disposable volume.

This volume has been arranged and published for the user's convenience and any comments or suggestions which may lead to improvement of the publication are welcome.

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