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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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classification process. Inmates may be transferred to prerelease or work release centers, half-way houses or specialized treatment facilities and county jails to meet correctional objectives. All time spent in county jails and other correctional facilities or programs shall be credited to the inmate's sentence and appropriate deductions for good time may be made.

§ 873. Powers of officers

Employees of the facility shall have the same power and authority as sheriffs in their respective counties, only insofar as searching for and apprehending escapees from the facility are concerned, when so authorized by the director.

§ 874. Educational programs

The facility shall maintain suitable courses for academic and vocational education of the inmates assigned. Such equipment, as is needed, shall be maintained, and suitable, qualified instructors employed, as necessary, to carry out the objectives of the institution's programs. The Department of Educational and Cultural Services must approve of the instructors in vocational courses.

§ 875. Employment on public works or services

The department may authorize the employment of inmates at this facility on public works with any department, agency or entity of state, county or local government. The department may further authorize the use of the inmates to provide assistance in the improvement of property owned by nonprofit organizations, and may request that the organizations pay for the transportation of the inmates and per diem compensation for correctional officers or instructors who must accompany the inmates or oversee the work to be performed. The department shall prescribe such rules and conditions as it deems proper to ensure the care and treatment of the inmates and the safe working conditions of its employees and inmates. The employment authorized in this section is for the purpose of providing training to the inmate and to be a form of public restitution for the crime or crimes committed by the individual inmate. The inmates so employed may not be compensated monetarily for the work performed.

§ 876. Escape

Any inmate who escapes from the facility or from any assignment beyond the grounds of the Charleston Correctional Facility is guilty of escape under this Title or Title 17-A, section 755.

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**AN ACT Amending the Electricians Licensing Statute.**

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

**Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 2269, sub-§ 1, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 602, § 3, is amended to read:**

Any person who has completed satisfactorily a course of instruction, at a Maine vocational-technical institute, in the practice of ~~electrical installations~~ oil burner installation or plumbing is entitled to take a journeyman's examination conducted by the appropriate one of the following boards:

**Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 2269, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 602, § 3, is repealed.**

**Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 2269, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 602, § 3, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:**

**Any person who has completed satisfactorily a course of instruction certified by the Electricians' Examining Board at a Maine vocational-technical institute may take the journeyman's examination and after passage of the examination and after working in the field of electrical installation for 4,000 hours under the supervision of a master electrician or the equivalent shall receive a journeyman's license. The Board shall adopt a written criteria for certification of a course of instruction. Any person who is enrolled in a course of instruction at a Maine vocational-technical institute on January 1, 1982, is entitled to take a journeyman's examination. Upon the successful completion of that course of instruction and after passage of the examination he shall receive a journeyman's license.**

**Sec. 4. 32 MRSA § 1151, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 575, § 13, is further amended to read:**

Two of ~~said~~ the appointive members from the electrical field shall be appointed from a slate, at the time of each such appointment, of 3 persons nominated by the State Electrical Associates. ~~Said~~ The appointive members shall consist of one master electrician, one electrician who is a bona fide member from organized labor classified as an inside electrician, one electrical inspector, ~~one master electrician from the education field and~~ ~~2~~ ~~one other persons~~ ~~person~~ experienced in the electrical field, all with at least 10 years' experience in the electrical field and the latter 3 need not be active electricians at the time of appointment, and one representative of the public.

**Sec. 5. 32 MRSA § 1202, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 278, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:**

**A. For a journeyman electrician's or limited license at least 8,000 hours**

service as an apprentice or helper electrician or at least 8,000 hours experience in electrical installations as defined in section 1101, and satisfactory completion of a program of study comprising 576 hours as approved by the Electricians' Examining Board. A graduate of a regional vocational high school 2-year electrical program approved by the Electricians' Examining Board shall be eligible to write the journeyman's examination, as long as he has worked for 8,000 hours in the field of electrical installations under the supervision of a master electrician or the equivalent. For a master electrician's license at least 4,000 hours service as a journeyman electrician or at least 12,000 hours service as an apprentice or helper electrician or at least 12,000 hours experience in electrical installation, as defined in section 1101, and completion of a course of not less than 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code, the course to be approved by the Electricians' Examining Board; and

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## CHAPTER 384

H. P. 580 — L. D. 660

### AN ACT Concerning the Rate of Return on Investment Factor under the Railroad Excise Tax.

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

36 MRSA § 2624, first ¶, next to the last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 470, is amended to read:

For purposes of railroad excise taxes payable in 1980 and, 1981 and 1982, based upon operations for the calendar years 1979 and, 1980 and 1981, "operating investment" shall also include freight car operating leases of 10 years or more, valued at cost less straight-line depreciation over the initial term of the lease.

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## CHAPTER 385

H. P. 594 — L. D. 671

### AN ACT Relating to Student Expulsion.

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

20 MRSA § 473, sub-§ 5, as amended by PL 1975, c. 746, § 10, is further amended to read: