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P R E F A C E

The "Laws of Maine" is the official edition of the Legislative Session Laws of the State of Maine and is compiled and published pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 164, subsection 6.

To aid in the use of this publication of the Session Laws, the following features have been incorporated.

1. The Session Laws for the 1983 biennium will be published in 3 volumes. The first 2 include those Session Laws passed at the First Regular Session of the 111th Legislature which convened December 1, 1982, and adjourned sine die on June 24, 1983. Also included are all Session Laws passed at the First Special Session of the 111th Legislature held on September 6 and 7, 1983.

2. A table of contents which is designed to assist the user to locate major divisions and contents by page reference can be found at the beginning of the volume. Selected state papers, together with messages, addresses and proclamations of the Governor, may also be located by reference to page number within the table of contents.

3. At the top of each page is a running heading which indicates the individual classification of each law, the year and session of passage and its chapter number.

4. Words deleted from the law, unless repealed by express language, are denoted by strike-through type.

5. New words or sections are denoted by underlined type.

6. An individual subject index of session enactments arranged alphabetically by subject heading and chapter number to show changes made at the First Regular and First Special Sessions are located near the end of the volume.

7. A session cross reference table is also provided near the end of the volume to show how unallocated public laws, exempted in previous revisions and Titles and sections of the Revised Statutes of 1964 have been affected by the laws included in this publication.

8. Citations to a legislative document are printed beneath the chapter number to assist in locating the original source of each chapter.

The session laws of the Second Regular Session and any special session that may follow it will be published in a second volume that will become part of this set at some future time.

The effective date for Maine laws is provided in the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 16 as follows:

“No Act or joint resolution of the Legislature, except such orders or resolutions as pertain solely to facilitating the performance of the business of the Legislature, of either branch, or of any committee or officer thereof, or appropriate money therefor or for the payment of salaries fixed by law, shall take effect until ninety days after the recess of the session of the Legislature in which it was passed, unless in case of emergency, (which with the facts constituting the emergency shall be expressed in the preamble of the Act), the Legislature shall, by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each House, otherwise direct. An emergency bill shall include only such measures as are immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety; and shall not include (1) an infringement of the right of home rule for municipalities, (2) a franchise or a license to a corporation or an individual to extend longer than one year, of (3) provisions for the sale or purchase or renting for more than five years of real estate.”

The effective date of nonemergency laws passed at the First Regular Session of the 111th Legislature, unless expressly provided otherwise, is September 23, 1983. Likewise all laws that passed at the First Special Session of the 111th Legislature, unless otherwise provided, become effective on December 7, 1983.

Individual revisions of departmental laws are not included in the “Laws of Maine” but may be available upon request from the respective departments.

Each volume has been prepared and arranged for the user’s convenience and any comments or suggestions which may lead to the improvement of the publication are welcomed.

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