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This edition of **Maine Revised Statutes** is the latest revision of the statutes of Maine. Here all the general and permanent laws of the State are classified under a new topical arrangement of titles, chapters and sections.

History of this Revision. Preparation of this Revision was authorized by the 101st Legislature in Chapter 93 of the Resolves of 1963. Pursuant to that chapter a Revision of Statutes Committee was created. This Committee contracted with the publishers to edit and print this Tenth Revision of the Maine Revised Statutes.

This Revision was prepared by the Director of Legislative Research, under the direction of the Committee, and with the active assistance of the publishers. It was enacted at a Special Session of the Legislature on the 30th of September, 1964, to become effective on the 31st of December, 1964. At the same session, the Legislature repealed the Revision of 1954 and subsequent Public Laws, with several enumerated exceptions.

Subject Arrangement. In this Revision the body of general and permanent statutes is divided into thirty-nine titles, each covering a separate subject. The chapters and sections of each title are numbered independently of those in other titles. In each title the chapters are assigned odd numbers in consecutive order and section numbers are skipped at the end of each chapter. The purpose of this is to permit an orderly and systematic integration of laws in the future.

The first four titles of this Revision cover general provisions and the three branches of the government. The remaining titles are arranged alphabetically.

Text of Revision. In enacting this Revision as positive law the Legislature declared that **Maine Revised Statutes** and **Maine Revised Statutes Annotated** "are identical as to text of the law".

In preparing the Revision the order of sections was changed where this would improve the arrangement of subject matter. In some cases a section was divided or two or more sections were consolidated. Some lengthy paragraphs were also divided. A

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uniform system of numbering sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, divisions and subdivisions was adopted. Obvious typographical errors in spelling and punctuation were corrected. The abstracts of sections or section catchlines, which were not enacted as part of the text, were rewritten in many cases for greater ease of reference.

The Constitutions of the United States and the State of Maine are also set out preceding Title 1. The arrangement of the text of the Maine Constitution is that approved by the Chief Justice of the State. Both constitutions are followed by an index.

Official Copies as Evidence. Each volume of Maine Revised Statutes contains a certificate of authenticity by the Secretary of State stating that the copy of law contained in it is a correct transcript of the text of the original and is entitled to be read in evidence.

The laws set out in current pocket parts or supplements will constitute, *prima facie*, a part of this Revision and will be so certified by the Secretary of State.

Historical Notes. Source notes under each section show the section of the Revised Statutes of 1954 from which it was derived. Where the section is newly enacted since the 1954 Revision, it is so indicated in the note. When the section is not new but amended since 1954, the amending statute is cited by section, chapter and year. Sections to which new subsections have been added or sections which have been repealed and replaced are treated as having been amended.

Tables. A number of helpful reference tables have been included following the last title of this Revision. These include distribution of sections from the 1954 Revision into this Revision, distribution of new Public Laws from 1954 into this Revision, a Popular Name table, a table showing sections of the 1954 Revision and subsequent Public Laws which were not repealed by the Repealing Act, a table of Uniform Acts and Interstate Compacts, and a table of Omitted Statutes not repealed.

Index. A comprehensive, detailed descriptive word index will be found in volumes 7 and 8. This General Index, which includes the separate indexes to the Maine and U. S. Constitutions, is in two convenient volumes. It was carefully prepared by highly skilled law index editors and is certain to facilitate and make easier the user's search for any given section.

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Upkeep Service. Maine Revised Statutes will be kept to date by means of regular cumulative pocket part supplementation. To this end the volumes are equipped on the inside back cover with a built-in pocket to accommodate supplements.

The user should always consult the current pocket supplements and supplemental index to be certain of the latest information on any given subject.

In Appreciation. The publishers gratefully acknowledge the constant, careful and valuable supervision of this Revision that was rendered by the Revision of Statutes Committee for the State of Maine.

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