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REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH

This is the second revision of the laws of the State of Maine since the establishment in 1947 of the Office of Director of Legislative Research. It is also the Tenth Revision of the Public Laws of the State.

A Joint Committee of the 101st Legislature was created by Chapter 93 of the Resolves of 1963. This Committee, known as the Revision of Statutes Committee for the State of Maine, was directed to prepare a Revision of the Statutes and Public Laws of the State. Upon completion of its work, the Joint Committee presented the Revision to a Special Session of the 101st Legislature. It was enacted into positive law and approved by Governor John H. Reed on the 30th day of September, 1964. At the same Special Session the Revised Statutes of 1954 and subsequent Public Laws were repealed, with certain exceptions. This Revision becomes effective the 31st day of December, 1964.

By agreement between the Revision of Statutes Committee and the Director of Legislative Research no changes of a substantive nature were introduced into the Revision. It was felt that substantive changes should be presented to the Legislature in regular session to permit due legislative deliberation. This Revision, therefore, contains only mechanical changes.

Attention is directed to the new topical arrangement and numbering system used in this Revision. The entire body of general and permanent laws encompassed in this revision is divided into thirty-nine titles, and these are subdivided into chapters and sections to permit maximum convenience in arranging subject matter logically and systematically. Titles are numbered consecutively. Chapters are assigned odd numbers; thus reserving for future use the intervening even numbers. Also, gaps in section numbers appear between chapters in each title which will be available to accommodate future legislation. At the beginning of volume 1 will be found a convenient List of Titles.

An important departure from the general format of this Revision will be found in Title 11, Uniform Commercial Code, where both the format and numbering recommended by the American Law Institute was retained in order to preserve uniformity by the various adopting jurisdictions.

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It should be noted that this Revision is published in two editions, designated separately as Maine Revised Statutes and Maine Revised Statutes Annotated. The text of the law in each is identical and was enacted as positive law.

Except as repealed or omitted as obsolete, executed or redundant, this Revision contains all of the chapters and sections of the 1954 Revision and all subsequent Public Laws enacted to the date of this Revision. Reference may be made to the Cross Reference Tables to ascertain where such laws may be found in this Revision.

Statutes excluded from this Revision may be determined by referring to the Repealing Act, also enacted by the Legislature at the Special Session on the 30th of September, 1964, and found elsewhere in this Revision.

The mechanical form employed in this Revision to show variations in ideas by means of group designations and indentations is similar to the one used in the 1954 Revision, and follows:

- § 1 means "section";
 - 1. means "subsection";
 - A. means "paragraph";
 - (1) means "subparagraph";
 - (a) means "division";
 - (i) means "subdivision".

The text of a blocked but unnumbered or unlettered paragraph relates to the lettered or numbered paragraph preceding it. The text of an unlettered or unnumbered paragraph with the first line indented relates to the section as a whole.

Each section in this Revision is followed by a historical note which indicates the section of the 1954 Revision or subsequent Public Law from which it was derived. Notes which relate specially to a subsection will be found set out thereunder; except that where such notes relate to the last subsection in the section they are set out in parenthesis.

A number of improvements and new features were added by the publishers in Maine Revised Statutes Annotated. These are pointed out in the Publisher's Preface to that publication.

The wise counsel, guidance and cooperation of the Revision of Statutes Committee which met on a number of occasions with the Director and the publishers constituted a major contribution

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to this Revision. The Director gratefully acknowledges his indebtedness to the members of this Committee consisting of Honorable Ralph W. Farris, Jr., Chairman, Honorable William F. Boardman, Honorable Dana W. Childs, Honorable Charles E. Gilbert, and Honorable Edwin R. Smith.

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