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## CHAPTER 193

## STATE BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION

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**§ 1541. Supervisor; fingerprints and photographs**

The Chief of the State Police shall appoint a person who has sufficient identification qualifications, including thorough knowledge of the various standard identification systems, Maine court procedure, parole and probation, to be Supervisor of the State Bureau of Identification, heretofore established within the Department of State Police, and he may delegate members of the State Police to serve in said bureau upon request of the supervisor. The supervisor shall have the authority to hire such civilian personnel, subject to the Personnel Law and the approval of the Chief of the State Police, as he may deem necessary to carry out this section and sections 1542 to 1546. The Chief of State Police shall supply such bureau with the necessary apparatus and materials for collecting, filing, preserving and distributing criminal records.

R.S.1954, c. 15, § 14.

**§ 1542. Recording of fingerprints**

The State Police, the persons in charge of all state penal institutions, the wardens or keepers of jails and prisons, the several sheriffs, and the chiefs of police in each of the cities and towns of the State and other law enforcement officers shall have the authority to take or cause to be taken, and shall take or cause to be taken, the fingerprints or photographs or both the fingerprints and photographs of any person in custody charged with the commission of crime, or of any person who they have reason to believe is a fugitive from justice, or of any suspicious person, or of any habitual criminal, and of all unidentified dead per-

sons, and they shall furnish daily to the Supervisor of the State Bureau of Identification copies of the fingerprints and photographs so taken, together with a report of the way the crime was committed, the method of operation of the person arrested, and any psychiatric report or other pertinent information which may be necessary to keep the records and statistics of the State Bureau of Identification, such fingerprints to be taken and additional reports made on forms furnished or approved by the State Bureau of Identification. The Supervisor of the State Bureau of Identification shall immediately upon receipt of such records compare them with other records already on file, and shall furnish to the proper official such information as he may have relative to the criminal record of such persons.

District Court Judges may, in their discretion, have the same authority granted to law enforcement officers under this section.

R.S.1954, c. 15, § 15; 1963, c. 402, § 6.

#### **§ 1543. Officers to furnish information**

It is made the duty of every clerk of every criminal court, including the District Court, and of every head of every department, bureau and institution, state, county and local, dealing with criminals and of every officer, probation officer, county attorney or person whose duties make him the appropriate officer, to transmit, not later than the first and 15th days of each calendar month, to the Supervisor of the State Bureau of Identification, such information as may be necessary to enable him to comply with sections 1542 and 1544. Such reports shall be made upon forms which shall be supplied or approved by the State Bureau of Identification.

R.S.1954, c. 15, § 16; 1963, c. 402, § 7.

#### **§ 1544. Supervisor to cooperate with other bureaus**

The Supervisor of the State Bureau of Identification shall cooperate with similar bureaus in other states and with the national bureau in the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C. and he shall develop and carry on an interstate, national and international system of identification.

R.S.1954, c. 15, § 17.

#### **§ 1545. Cooperation with local officials**

The Supervisor of the State Bureau of Identification shall afford instruction and offer assistance to all persons required to

take fingerprints and photographs in the establishment and operation of their local systems of identification, in order to assure coordination with the system of identification conducted by the state bureau. Neglect or refusal of any person or official to make reports or perform any other act required by sections 1541 to 1546, shall constitute a misdemeanor, and such person or official, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50.

R.S.1954, c. 15, § 18.

### § 1546. Rules and regulations

The Supervisor of the State Bureau of Identification shall make and forward to all persons charged with any duty or responsibility under sections 1541 to 1545, rules and regulations for the taking and preserving of the fingerprints and other records as provided, such rules and regulations before becoming effective to be approved by the Attorney General.

R.S.1954, c. 15, § 19.

### § 1547. Courts to submit criminal records

Every court in every case wherein a person is convicted of the violation of any criminal statute shall forthwith transmit to the State Bureau of Identification an abstract, duly certified, setting forth therein the names of the parties, the nature of the offense, the date of hearing, the plea, the judgment and the result. For this purpose the State Bureau of Identification shall furnish to said courts proper abstract forms.

1955, c. 120; 1963, c. 402, § 8.

### § 1548. Fingerprinting of school children

All children in the State attending public schools, or their equivalent, shall be fingerprinted for civilian identification under the supervision of the Commissioner of Education and the State Bureau of Identification. It shall be a requirement of matriculation in schools receiving state funds.

R.S.1954, c. 15, § 20.

### § 1549. Authorization of Governor and Council

The law enforcement agencies of the State, upon request of the Governor and Council, shall have the authority to take, or

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cause to be taken, and shall take, or cause to be taken, the fingerprints of the persons enumerated in section 1548 and of any persons who shall request their fingerprints to be taken for civilian identification.

R.S.1954, c. 15, § 21.