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STATE OF MAINE

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Chapter 19

AN ACT Conferring Additional Powers on Domestic Insurance Companies.

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

R. S., c. 60, § 55, amended. Section 55 of chapter 60 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new paragraph to be numbered XV and to read as follows:

'XV. To insure against loss or damage to property, including loss of use and occupancy by tractors, vehicles, smoke and smudge, earthquake, hail, frost or snow, weather or climatic conditions, including excess or deficiency of moisture, flood, rain or drought.

Also to insure against loss or damage by insects or disease to domestic animals and to farm crops or products and loss of rental value of land used in producing such crops or products.

Also to insure against loss or damage, including loss of use or occupancy by water entering through leaks or openings in buildings.

Also to insure against loss or damage to aircraft, whether stationary or in motion, which shall include all or any of the hazards of fire, explosion, transportation or collision.

Also to insure against loss by legal liability for damage to property or for bodily injury or death resulting from the maintenance and use of motor vehicles or aircraft or any object falling therefrom excepting explosives or missiles in time of war, insurrection or civil strife.

Also to insure against loss by vandalism, sabotage or malicious mischief to any and all kinds of property, or the wrongful conversion, disposal or concealment of motor vehicles, or aircraft.'

Approved February 28, 1939.

Chapter 20

AN ACT Relating to Corporations.

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

R. S., c. 56, § 22, amended. Section 22 of chapter 56 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 155 of the public laws of 1931, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 22. Power to make and alter by-laws; in whom vested. The power to make and alter by-laws shall be in the stockholders, but any corporation may, in the certificate of organization, or in any amendment thereto, or by a provision of the by-laws, confer that power upon the directors. By-laws made by the directors under power so conferred may be altered or repealed by the directors or stockholders. Corporations may, among other provisions, determine by their by-laws, the manner of calling and conducting meetings; the number of members that constitute a quorum; the number of votes to be given by shareholders; the date as of which stockholders shall be entitled to vote at any meeting or to receive dividends or rights and whether or not stock transfer books shall be closed; by whom any and all officers, except president and directors, shall be elected; by whom vacancies in the board of directors or other offices may be filled; the tenure of the several offices, the mode of voting by proxy; and of selling shares for neglect to pay assessments; and may enforce such by-laws by penalties not exceeding \$20.'

Approved February 28, 1939.

Chapter 21

AN ACT in Relation to the Duties of Town Treasurer.

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

R. S., c. 5, § 24, amended. Section 24 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 24. Treasurer to render account quarterly. The treasurer of a city or town shall disburse money only on the authority of warrants drawn therefor by the municipal officers. Provided, however, that when a special act of the legislature provides a different method of authorizing expenditures, in any city or town, the treasurer of such city or town shall disburse money in accordance with the provisions of such special act. Every treasurer shall render an account of the finances of his town, and exhibit all books and accounts pertaining to his office, to the municipal officers thereof or to any committee appointed by it to examine said accounts, when required; and such officers shall examine such treasurer's accounts as often as once in three months.'

Approved February 28, 1939.