

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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for their county for leave to adopt a minor child and for a change of his name. Any husband and wife jointly may present such petition for the adoption of a child of either, regardless of age. Any unmarried inhabitant of another state, or any non-resident husband and wife jointly, may present such petition in the probate court of the county where such child lives.'

Approved March 2, 1939.

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## Chapter 34

### AN ACT Relative to Taking Tuna.

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

R. S., c. 50, additional. Chapter 50 of the revised statutes, as revised by chapter 2 of the public laws of 1933, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 99-B, and to read as follows:

'Sec. 99-B. Fishing for tuna. It shall be unlawful to take, catch, kill or have in possession any tuna or horse mackerel, so-called, taken by any method other than harpoon or single hook and line, within the territorial waters of the state of Maine.

All boats, seines or other contrivances together with the contents thereof, used contrary to the provisions of this section shall be seized by any officer engaged in the enforcement thereof and disposed of as provided by law.'

Approved March 2, 1939.

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## Chapter 35

### AN ACT Relating to Distribution of Patent Medicines.

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

R. S., c. 135, § 12, amended. Section 12 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 12. Throwing or leaving samples of patent medicines upon door steps, and streets; penalty. Any person, firm, or corporation who, by himself, his servant, or agent, or as the servant or agent of any other person or firm, leaves, throws, or deposits, or has in his possession with intent to leave, throw, or deposit upon the doorstep, hall, porch, doorway, vestibule, or premises owned or occupied by another, or distributes on any street, any

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patent or proprietary medicine or any preparation, pill, tablet, or drug shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$20, nor more than \$1000, or by imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 11 months.'

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## Chapter 36

### AN ACT Permitting Revocation of Operator's License after Conviction for Manslaughter.

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

R. S., c. 29, additional. Chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding a new section thereof to be numbered section 88-A, and to read as follows:

'Sec. 88-A. Manslaughter; license to be revoked. The license of any person, to operate a motor vehicle, who, as the result of operating a motor vehicle in such a manner as to cause the death of any person, shall be convicted of the crime of manslaughter, shall be revoked immediately by the secretary of state upon receipt of an attested copy of the court records, without further hearing, provided, however, that in case of an appeal the license shall be suspended during the course of the appeal, and the revocation start when and if the conviction is upheld. No person whose license or permit to operate a motor vehicle has been revoked upon such conviction of manslaughter shall be licensed again or permitted to operate a motor vehicle for a period of 5 years from the time such license is revoked, or, by the provisions of this section, should have been revoked. For the purposes of this section and of section 88 of this chapter, a person shall be deemed to have been convicted if he pleaded guilty or nolo contendere or was adjudged or found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction, whether or not he was placed on probation without sentence or under a suspended sentence or the case was placed on file or on special docket.'

Approved March 2, 1939.

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## Chapter 37

### AN ACT Relating to Registration of Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 29, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows: