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STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Eighty-ninth Legislature

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Chapter 44

AN ACT Providing Penalties for Boarding Freight Trains Without Right.

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

R. S., c. 64, § 8, amended. Section 8 of chapter 64 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 31 of the public laws of 1935, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 8. Penalty for evading payment of fare, or riding on freight train. No person is entitled to transportation over a steam railroad, street railroad, or upon any steamboat or ferry, or in a taxicab or public automobile, who does not on demand first pay the established fare. Whoever while being transported over any steam railroad, street railroad, steamboat, ferry, or in a taxicab or public automobile, wilfully refuses on demand to pay the established fare, and whoever fraudulently evades payment of the established fare by giving a false answer, or by traveling beyond the place to which he has paid, or by leaving a train, street railroad car, steamboat, or ferry, or taxicab or public automobile, without paying the established fare, whether said fare is demanded or not, forfeits not less than \$5, nor more than \$20, to be recovered on complaint. No person, without right, shall loiter or remain or place or cause to be placed any property or obstruction on the right of way of a railroad corporation, or on land owned by a railroad corporation adjoining or adjacent to its right of way, or, without right, shall board or attempt to board, or remain on, any railroad freight train, freight car, caboose, locomotive or work equipment; any person violating any provision of this portion of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.’

Approved March 8, 1939.

Chapter 45

AN ACT Relating to Pauper Settlements.

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

R. S., c. 33, § 3, amended. The last sentence of section 3 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 113 of the public laws of 1937, is hereby repealed and the following is enacted in place thereof:

‘The settlement status of a person in the military or naval service of the United States or of a person who is an inmate of any asylum, penitentiary,

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jail, reformatory, or other state institution shall not change during such period of service, confinement or imprisonment, but his settlement shall remain as it was at the time of the beginning of such service, confinement or imprisonment.'

Approved March 8, 1939.

Chapter 46

AN ACT Relating to the All Maine Fair Association.

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

R. S., c. 39, § 22, amended. Section 22 of chapter 39 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 22. Election of officers. The ~~Maine state agricultural society~~ All Maine Fair Association, at its annual meeting, shall elect, by ballot, a president, secretary, treasurer, trustees, and other necessary officers.'

Approved March 8, 1939.

Chapter 47

AN ACT Relating to Apportionment of School Equalization Fund.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 210, ¶ V, amended. Paragraph V of section 210 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'V. Such amount of the school equalization fund not apportioned as provided for by the 4 preceding paragraphs shall be apportioned to towns wherein a rate of taxation considerably in excess of the average rate for the state fails to produce a school revenue sufficient to secure a reasonable standard of educational efficiency; provided, that the rate of taxation hereinbefore named shall be reckoned on the basis of the amount or amounts actually raised by taxation by the town for the support of elementary and secondary schools for the purposes named in section 212, exclusive of any amounts received from the state, ~~provided, further, that no town shall receive an apportionment out of the school equalization fund unless its municipal tax rate for all purposes shall be in excess of a rate which is 3 mills less than the average of such rates for all the towns of the state.~~ The commissioner of education shall cause a special investigation to be made of the educational facilities of such towns and, whenever it appears