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Chapter 313

AN ACT Relating to Weight Tolerances of Vehicles Loaded with Construction Materials.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 111-A, amended. The first sentence of section 111-A of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 266 of the public laws of 1957 and amended by chapter 351 of the public laws of 1961, is further amended to read as follows:

'The operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded entirely with firewood, pulpwood, logs or bolts or dump trucks, tractor dump trucks or transit-mix concrete trucks carrying highway construction materials shall not be deemed to be in violation of any of the provisions of sections 19, 36, 109, 110 and 111 relating to weights of vehicles, weights of loads, tonnages or overloads if the gross weight of such vehicle and its load does not exceed 110% of the maximum gross weight for which such vehicle is then registered nor 110% of the maximum gross weight permitted for such vehicle by section 109, and if the weight thereof imparted to any road surface by an axle or axles does not exceed 110% of the maximum axle weight permitted therefor by section 109; provided that no vehicle loaded as aforesaid shall be deemed in violation of the above said sections if, as to each axle, the weight imparted to any road surface is not greater than the combined total of 600 pounds per inch width tire, manufacturer's rating, of all tires attached to such axle and provided further that the maximum gross vehicle weight shall not exceed the limits and tolerances established in this chapter.'

Effective September 21, 1963

Chapter 314

AN ACT Relating to Proceedings in Adoption of Children.

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

R. S., c. 158, § 38, amended. The first 3 sentences of section 38 of chapter 158 of the Revised Statutes are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Upon the filing of a petition for adoption of a minor child, unless one of the petitioners is a blood relative of the child or the petitioners have received the child from the Department of Health and Welfare or from a licensed adoption agency, the court shall notify the Department of Health and Welfare which shall, either through its own workers or through a licensed adoption agency when practicable, investigate the conditions and antecedents of the child to determine whether he is a proper subject for adoption and to investigate whether the proposed home is suitable for the child. The court may refer any petition signed by a blood relative to said department. This information shall, within 45 days or within such further reasonable time as the court allows, be submitted to the court in writing and be available to counsel of record. In the event that the

report of investigation is not submitted to the court within the time allowed, then the court may proceed with hearing upon the petition without such report. The aforesaid notification and investigation may be waived by the court and the reason therefor shall be stated in writing by the court and made a part of the record.'

Effective September 21, 1963

Chapter 315

AN ACT Relating to Purchase of Lands by Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission.

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

R. S., c. 37-A, § 19-A, additional. Chapter 37-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 331 of the public laws of 1959, is amended by adding a new section 19-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 19-A. Authority to purchase lands, build dams, etc. The salmon commission is authorized to purchase or lease, within this State, lands, dams and other structures, to acquire flowage rights, mill privileges and rights-of-way, and to build dams and other structures, for the purpose of conservation of Atlantic sea run salmon, provided prior rights of towns are not affected thereby.'

Effective September 21, 1963

Chapter 316

AN ACT Classifying Certain Tidewaters in Lincoln County.

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

R. S., c. 79, § 15, amended. Section 15 of chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended under the caption "Lincoln County from the Town Line Between Edgecomb and Boothbay to the Knox County Boundary," by adding after subsection XVII, the following subsections:

'XVIII. All tidal waters within the Town of Alna—Class SB-1.

XIX. All tidal waters bordering the westerly shoreline of the Town of Edgecomb—Class SB-1.

XX. All tidal waters bordering the westerly shoreline of the Town of Newcastle—Class SB-1.

XXI. All tidal waters within the Town of Westport—Class SB-1.

XXII. All tidal waters within the Town of Wiscasset—Class SB-1.'

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