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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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intrastate natural gas pipe line, which corporation has obtained authorization from the Public Utilities Commission, shall be subject to the authority of the Public Utilities Commission, and the commission may make all necessary rules and regulations, in respect to its pipe line, equipment and manner of operation as they relate to the safety of the public and of the employees of said corporation, in the same manner as are Maine public utility companies, provided the authority of the Public Utilities Commission shall not be inconsistent with or in violation of the provisions of the Federal Natural Gas Act, as amended, or any rules, orders, regulations or certificates of public convenience and necessity, issued pursuant thereto.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective January 15, 1964

Chapter 424

AN ACT Relating to Issuing Licenses for Beano to Volunteer Fire Departments.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, for many years beano licenses were issued to fire departments; and

Whereas, it has now been ruled that fire departments do not fall within one of the categories eligible for beano licenses under the Revised Statutes, chapter 139, sections 21 to 27; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to prevent financial hardship on many fire departments throughout the State; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., c. 139, § 23, amended. The first, 3rd and 6th sentences of section 23 of chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 206 of the public laws of 1957, are further amended to read as follows:

'The Chief of the State Police may issue licenses to operate such amusement for a period of 6 days to **any volunteer fire department** or any fair association or bona fide charitable, educational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organization which was in existence at least 2 years prior to its application for a license, when sponsored, operated and conducted for the exclusive benefit of such organization by duly authorized members thereof.'

'No such license shall be issued to any person, firm or corporation other than a **volunteer fire department** or a fair association or bona fide charitable, educational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organization.'

'Nothing contained herein is to be construed to prohibit any volunteer fire department or any fair association or bona fide charitable, educational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or veterans organization from obtaining more than one 6-day license.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective January 15, 1964

Chapter 425

AN ACT Permitting Insurance Companies to Join Together to Offer Health Insurance for the Aged.

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

R. S., c. 60, § 129-A, additional. Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 129-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 129-A. Health insurance for the aged. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this chapter or of any other law, 2 or more insurance companies authorized to carry on the business of health insurance in this State may join together to offer to any resident of this State who has reached or passed his 65th birthday and to the spouse of such resident, insurance against major financial loss from accident or disease. Such insurance may be offered by such companies in their own names or in the name of a voluntary unincorporated association or other organization formed by such companies solely for the purpose of offering this type of insurance. The forms of applications, certificates and policies of such insurance and the applicable premium rates shall be filed with the Insurance Commissioner and shall conform to the requirements of this chapter as to forms of policies of accident and sickness insurance so far as practical and applicable and the commissioner may require such additional pertinent information as he may deem necessary and allow deviation from the statutory provisions for the forms of such policies.

The joint action authorized by this section may be taken in connection with a plan to offer such insurance to residents of other states in combination with insurance offered to residents of this State subject to approval by the Insurance Commissioner.

A financial summary concerning any insurance written under the authority of this section shall be furnished annually to the Insurance Commissioner in such form as he may prescribe. If the Insurance Commissioner finds that any forms for such insurance are not in the public interest or that the premium rates charged are by reasonable assumptions excessive in relation to the benefits provided, he may disapprove such forms or premium rates after notice of at least 20 days and hearing.

Any person or company aggrieved by any order or decision of the Insurance Commissioner under this section shall be entitled to a rehearing and appeal in accordance with section 350.'

Effective April 17, 1964