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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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lowing 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., T. 5, § 634, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 634 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding after the last sentence the following new sentences:

Notwithstanding the prohibition against automatic salary advancements, any person holding a position in the classified service who passes the certified professional secretary examination shall be granted an automatic one-step salary advancement under the compensation plan. This automatic pay increase shall not affect an employee's eligibility for any regular merit increase. If necessary, another step shall be added to the compensation plan to provide for such increase.

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

Effective May 20, 1971

Chapter 332

AN ACT Relating to Weight Tolerances of Vehicles Loaded with Refrigerated Products.

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

R. S., T. 29, § 1655, amended. The first sentence of section 1655 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

The operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded entirely with firewood, sawed lumber, dimension lumber, pulpwood, wood chips, logs, soils, unconsolidated rock materials or bolts or loaded entirely with farm produce or loaded with manufacturers' concrete products or building materials which absorb moisture during delivery originating and terminating within the State or dump trucks, tractor dump trucks or transit-mix concrete trucks carrying highway construction materials or the operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded with ~~any~~ a majority of products requiring refrigeration, whether by ice or mechanical equipment and on such vehicles when inspected by the Maine State Police, the number of the seal shall be recorded and the number of the new seal shall be recorded by the Maine State Police, or the operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded with raw ore from mine or quarry to place of processing, shall not be deemed to be in violation of any of the provisions of sections 246, 1652 to 1654 and 1656 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 1652, 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 1652; 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 Title.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 333

AN ACT Relating to Relocation Assistance and Land Acquisition in State Highway Projects.

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

Whereas, a substantial number of families would be displaced or relocated, or both, prior to the normally effective date of this legislation; and

Whereas, denial of increased benefits to those displaced persons would create an inequity; 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:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 23, c. 3, sub-c. VII, additional. Chapter 3 of Title 23 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subchapter VII, to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER VII

RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

§ 241. Purpose

The prompt and equitable relocation and reestablishment of persons, businesses, farm operations and nonprofit organizations displaced as a result of state or state aid highway projects is necessary to insure that a few individuals do not suffer disproportionate injuries as a result of programs designed for the benefit of the public as a whole. Relocation payments and advisory assistance are to be made available to all persons so displaced in accordance with this subchapter.

§ 242. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings: