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Sec. 4. R. S., T. 22, § 1461, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 1461 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 447 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

Each day that any person operates without a license or permit required by this chapter shall be considered a separate offense.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 378

AN ACT Relating to Compensation to Municipal Tree Wardens.

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

R. S., T. 30, § 3902, amended. Section 3902 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 10 of chapter 394 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 3902. Compensation

Municipalities may appropriate at any annual or special town meeting money ~~not exceeding 500 for each taxable poll~~ in each year to be used in making compensation to tree wardens and in acquiring, planting, pruning and protecting shade trees.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 379

AN ACT Establishing the Maine Commission on Drug Abuse.

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

R. S., T. 5, Part 10, additional. Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new Part 10 to read as follows:

PART 10

DRUG ABUSE

CHAPTER 317

COMMISSION ON DRUG ABUSE

§ 3361. Declaration of policy

The Legislature declares that it is the policy of the State to confront the serious problem of drug abuse through the wisest possible use of governmental and private resources. The Legislature further declares that the State

can best encourage such use through the establishment of a Maine Commission on Drug Abuse which can coordinate the work of all state agencies dealing with the drug abuse problem and, at the same time, provide support and guidance to the drug abuse efforts of local government and private groups.

§ 3362. Commission

There is established the Maine Commission on Drug Abuse consisting of the Commissioner of Health and Welfare, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections, the Commissioner of Education, the Chairman of the Employment Security Commission, the Chief of the State Police, Attorney General, State Planning Director, Federal-State Coordinator, Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, Chairman of the Law Enforcement Planning and Assistance Agency, Chancellor of the University of Maine, Chairman of the Maine State Health Planning Council, Director of the Maine Youth Corps, a representative of the Governor's Youth Task Force and 4 citizens of the State appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall designate the chairman of the commission to serve a term of 2 years, subject to a single reappointment.

§ 3363. Term of service

Each appointed member shall serve a term of 2 years, subject to a single reappointment. Each appointed member shall serve for the term of his appointment and thereafter until his successor is appointed, and, in cases of vacancies occurring before the completion of a term, these vacancies shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term.

§ 3364. Assistance from other state agencies

The Maine Commission on Drug Abuse, for administrative purposes, shall be lodged in the Executive Department, with authority to request any state department or agency, whether or not represented on the commission, to provide such personnel, financial assistance, facilities and data as will help the commission fulfill its responsibilities. All agencies of State Government are to cooperate fully with the commission in carrying out its responsibilities.

§ 3365. Responsibilities

1. Duties. The responsibilities of the Maine Commission on Drug Abuse shall include the following:

- A. The coordination of all state governmental efforts dealing with the problems of drug abuse;
- B. Helping communities mobilize their resources to deal with drug abuse;
- C. Making grants to state, local and regional governmental agencies, and to private groups, for drug abuse control programs within such appropriations as may be made available to the commission for this purpose from time to time;
- D. Seeking and receiving grants in furtherance of its responsibilities from the Federal Government and from private sources;

E. Working with comparable agencies of state government in the other New England states, and with New England regional agencies, in developing a regional approach to the drug problem;

F. Making an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature of its activities. Such report shall contain recommendations for changes in the laws of Maine relating to drug abuse which, in the opinion of the commission, are necessary to the best interests of the State and its people. In preparing such recommendations and reports, the commission may engage expert advisors and assistants who may serve without compensation or, to the extent that funds may be made available by appropriation, grant, gift or allocation from a state department, the commission may pay for such expert advisors and assistance.

§ 3366. Authority

1. Authority. In carrying out its coordinating responsibilities at the state level, and in providing support and guidance to the drug abuse efforts of local government and private groups, the commission shall have the authority and obligation to:

A. Examine all requests for appropriations or program grants relating to drug abuse made by state agencies and advise the Governor, Budget Bureau and Legislature of its findings and recommendations. It shall be the responsibility of all departments to advise the commission of their budgetary requests relating to drug abuse concurrently with their submission to the Governor. The departments shall, in the implementation of their programs, keep the commission fully informed of their progress and of any changes in policy;

B. Supervise the disbursement of all state funds appropriated for the purpose of helping local and regional government agencies and private groups deal with drug abuse. All such local and regional governmental agencies and all such private groups seeking state assistance shall be required to file applications with the commission. The commission shall establish appropriate rules and regulations for the processing of these applications. No grants of state funds to local or regional governmental agencies or to private groups shall be made without commission approval.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 380

AN ACT Relating to Time of Sending County Estimates to Secretary of State and Municipalities.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, § 252, amended. The first paragraph of section 252 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 541 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

In order to assess a county tax, county commissioners, ~~at their regular session next before the first of each January in which the Legislature meets in regular session~~ prior to December 1st before the convening of the Legisla-