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## Chapter 448

### AN ACT Relating to Record of Plans by Registers of Deeds.

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

R. S., T. 33, § 652, amended. Section 652 of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

The several registers, shall establish, and thereafter adhere to, reasonable standards for the implementation of reproducing copies of original plans as recorded. Such original plans shall be recorded in duplicate, one copy to be permanently filed by the register and one copy to be maintained for public inspection. No additional fee shall be required for recording the copy. Reproduction shall be on a scale of one to one and shall be accomplished with the least possible error and distortion. Methods of reproduction shall be to standards in keeping with accepted engineering and survey practices. Suitable arrangements shall be made for the preserving of original plans while affording the public reasonable opportunity to examine either the original or reproduction thereof.

Effective September 23, 1971

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## Chapter 449

### AN ACT Relating to the Operation of Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 29, § 1252, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 1252 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

1. **Careful speed.** Any person driving a vehicle on a way or in any other place shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the highway way or place, and of any other conditions then existing.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, § 1311, amended. Section 1311 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 21 of chapter 245 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

#### § 1311. Reckless driving

Whoever operates any vehicle, upon any way or in any other place to which the public has a right of access, recklessly, or in a wanton manner causing injury to any person or property shall be guilty of reckless driving and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200, or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months, or by both; and whoever is convicted the 2nd or subsequent time for a violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 29, § 1314, amended.** Section 1314 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**§ 1314. Driving to endanger**

No person shall drive any vehicle upon a way or in any other place in such a manner as to endanger any person or property.

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 29, § 1317, additional.** Title 29 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1317 to read as follows:

**§ 1317. Motor vehicles in racing events**

Sections 1252, 1311 and 1314 shall not apply to the operation of vehicles participating in racing events and exhibitions at which the public does not have access to the operating area and shall not apply to any private land to which the public does not have legal access.

Effective September 23, 1971

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## Chapter 450

### AN ACT Relating to Prevention by Landowners of Acquisition of Rights-of-way, Easements and Public Rights by Dedication.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 14, § 812, amended.** The 2nd sentence of section 812 of Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

If a person apprehends that a right-of-way or other easement in or over his land may be acquired by custom, use or otherwise by any person, class of persons or the public, he may give public notice of his intention to prevent the acquisition of such easement by causing a copy of such notice to be posted in some conspicuous place upon the premises for 6 successive days, or in the case of land in the unorganized territory, by causing a copy of such notice to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county where his land lies, and such posting or recording shall prevent the acquiring of such easement by use for any length of time thereafter; or he may prevent a particular person or persons from acquiring such easement by causing an attested copy of such notice to be served by an officer qualified to serve civil process upon him or them in hand or by leaving it at his or their dwelling house, or, if the person to whom such notice is to be given is not in the State such copy may be left with the tenant or occupant of the estate, if any.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 14, § 812-A, additional.** Title 14 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 812-A, to read as follows:

**§ 812-A. Dedication of land in the unorganized territory to public use; notice to prevent**

If a person apprehends that his land in the unorganized territory or any interest therein may be dedicated to public use by custom, use or by any act or acts of that person or any persons acting on his behalf, he may give