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Chapter 39.

Maine Development Commission.

Secs. 1-6. Repealed by Public Laws 1955, c. 471, § 7.

Cross reference.—See c. 38-A, re present agency performing functions of Maine development commission.

Chapter 39-A.

Maine Mining Bureau.

Secs. 1-8. Repealed by Public Laws 1957, c. 293, § 1.

Cross reference.—See c. 39-B for present provisions re Maine mining bureau.

Chapter 39-B.

Maine Mining Bureau.

Sec. 1. Mining bureau established.—The Maine mining bureau, as heretofore established, shall consist of 7 members, one each from the state departments of agriculture, forestry, state, economic development and inland fisheries and game and the water improvement commission, each of whom shall be appointed by the head of his respective department, plus the state geologist. The state geologist, by virtue of his office, shall be the consultant to said bureau. They shall organize with a chairman, and a secretary who shall keep the records of their doings and such data regarding the mines in the state as may be useful. The jurisdiction of the bureau shall be confined to land owned or held in trust by the state. (1957, c. 293, § 2. 1959, c. 135, § 1.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1959 amendment rewrote the first sentence, increasing the membership from 5 to 7 by adding members from the department of inland fisheries and game and the water improvement commission.

Sec. 2. Authority to prospect.—Any person over 18 years of age or any corporation may enter upon state-owned land, including lands held in trust, when the trust is such as to be consistent with mineral development, on receipt of a prospector's permit from the Maine mining bureau for the purpose of prospecting for valuable minerals and metals, except water, sand and gravel. A prospector's permit shall be issued upon payment of a fee of \$2, and shall apply to state-owned lands throughout the state. A prospector's permit shall bear a number and be dated on the date of issue thereof and shall expire at midnight on the 31st day of December then next ensuing. The holder of a permit is entitled to a renewal of his permit upon expiration thereof, upon making application to the mining bureau on or before December 31st including payment of the prescribed fee, which renewal shall take effect on January 1st and bear the same number as the expired permit.

If machinery or explosives are to be used for prospecting on state-owned land, the methods to be employed and the amount of explosives to be allowed must first be approved by the mining bureau. Prospecting pits, trenches or other openings shall be filled in or otherwise repaired prior to abandonment, so that the public safety may not be jeopardized and the original land value may not be impaired. (1957, c. 293, § 2.)