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value; and with the written consent of the municipal officers they, or any person, may dig up or open any road for the purpose of laying their pipes or repairing or extending their aqueduct; but not so as to prevent the convenient passage of teams, carriages and motor vehicles. (R. S. c. 48, § 5. 1957, c. 397, § 33.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1957 vehicles” at the end of the section and amendment added the words “and motor made other minor changes.

### Condemnation Proceedings by Water Districts.

**Sec. 23. Necessity of taking determined.**—The owner of property which is the subject of appropriation for public purposes by any water district may, upon hearing, have the necessity of the particular appropriation determined by the public utilities commission. (R. S. c. 48, § 23. 1955, c. 258, § 1.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment added the words “by the public utilities commission” at the end of this section.

**Sec. 24. Proceedings.**—The owner of such property may, within 30 days after the beginning of condemnation proceedings, file in the office of the clerk of the public utilities commission, a petition to the commission for a decision as to the necessity of the appropriation. A copy of the petition and order of notice thereon, attested by the clerk, shall be served upon the respondent. (R. S. c. 48, § 24. 1955, c. 258, § 2.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment rewrote this section, which formerly provided for a petition to the superior court and for the appointment by a justice of the superior court of three disinterested commissioners to determine the necessity of the appropriation.

**Sec. 25. Proceedings before commissioners.**—The commissioners shall fix a time for hearing, within the county where the property is situated, and give written notice thereof to the owner and to the district seeking to acquire said property. At the hearing all parties in interest shall be heard either in person or by attorney, and witnesses may be summoned by either party and attendance compelled as before other judicial tribunals; the burden of proof to show the necessity of the particular taking shall rest upon the party seeking to acquire the property. The decision of a majority of the commissioners shall be final as to questions of fact. (R. S. c. 48, § 25. 1955, c. 258, § 3.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment inserted the words “within the county where the property is situated” near the beginning of the section and deleted the former last sentence, which related to costs.

## Chapter 52-A.

### Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy.

**Sec. 1. Declaration of policy.**—The state of Maine endorses the action of the congress of the United States in enacting the atomic energy act of 1954 to institute a program to encourage the widespread participation in the development and utilization of atomic energy for peaceful purposes to the maximum extent consistent with the common defense and security and with the health and safety of the public; and therefore declares the policy of the state to be:

**I.** To cooperate actively in the program thus instituted; and

**II.** To the extent that the regulation of special nuclear materials, source materials and by-product materials, of production facilities and utilization facilities, and of other forms of radiation, and of persons operating such facilities may be within the jurisdiction of the state, to provide for the exercise of the

state's regulatory authority so as to conform, as nearly as may be, to the atomic energy act of 1954 and regulations issued thereunder, to the end that there may, in effect, be a single harmonious system of regulation within the state.

The state of Maine recognizes that the development of industries producing or utilizing atomic energy and other forms of radiation may result in new conditions calling for changes in the laws of the state and in regulations issued thereunder with respect to health and safety, working conditions, workmen's compensation, transportation, public utilities, life, health, accident, fire and casualty insurance, the conservation of natural resources, including wildlife, and the protection of streams, rivers and airspace from pollution, and therefore declares the policy of the state to be:

- I. To adapt its laws and regulations to meet the new conditions in ways that will encourage the healthy development of industries producing or utilizing atomic energy while at the same time protecting the public interest; and
- II. To initiate continuing studies of the need for changes in the relevant laws and regulations of the state by the respective departments and agencies of the state which are responsible for their administration; and
- III. To insure the coordination of the studies thus undertaken, particularly with other atomic industrial development activities of the state and with the development and regulatory activities of other states and of the government of the United States. (1955, c. 105, § 1. 1957, c. 210, §§ 1, 2.)

**Effect of amendment.**—Section 1 of the 1957 amendment inserted the words "source materials" and the words "and of other forms of radiation" in subsection II of the first paragraph of this section. Section 2 of such amendment inserted the words "and other forms of radiation" in the opening statement of the second paragraph.

**Sec. 2. Definitions.**—As used in this chapter, the term "atomic energy" means all forms of energy released in the course of nuclear fission or nuclear transformation.

The term "by-product material" means any radioactive materials, except special nuclear materials, yielded in or made radioactive by exposure to the radiation incident to the process of producing or utilizing special nuclear materials.

The term "production facility" means any equipment or device capable of the production of special nuclear material in such quantity as to be of significance to the common defense and security, or in such manner as to affect the health and safety of the public; or any important component part especially designed for such equipment or device.

"The term "source material" means uranium, thorium or any other material which the governor declares by order to be source material after the United States atomic energy commission has determined the material to be such; or ores containing one or more of the foregoing materials, in such concentration as the governor declares by order after the United States atomic energy commission has by regulation so determined.

The term "special nuclear material" means plutonium and uranium enriched in the isotope 233 or in the isotope 235, and any other material which the governor declares by order to be special nuclear material after the United States atomic energy commission has determined the material to be such; or any material artificially enriched by any of the foregoing.

The term "utilization facility" means any equipment or device, except an atomic weapon, capable of making use of special nuclear materials in such quantity as to be of significance to the common defense and security, or in such manner as to affect the health and safety of the public, or peculiarly adapted for making use of atomic energy in such quantity as to be of significance to the common defense and security, or in such manner as to affect the health and safety of the public;

or any important component part especially designed for such equipment or device. (1955, c. 105, § 1. 1957, c. 210, § 3.)

**Effect of amendment.** — The 1957 amendment inserted the fourth paragraph which defines "source material".

**Sec. 3. United States licenses or permits required.**—No person shall manufacture, construct, produce, transfer, acquire or possess any special nuclear material, source material, by-product material, production facility or utilization facility, or act as an operator of a production or utilization facility wholly within this state unless he shall have first obtained a license or permit for the activity in which he proposes to engage from the United States atomic energy commission if, pursuant to the atomic energy act of 1954, the commission requires a license or permit to be obtained by persons proposing to engage in activities of the same type over which it has jurisdiction. (1955, c. 105, § 1. 1957, c. 210, § 4.)

**Effect of amendment.** — The 1957 amendment inserted the words "source material" in this section.

**Sec. 4. Conduct of studies concerning changes in laws and regulations with a view to atomic industrial development.**—Each of the following departments and agencies of the state government is directed to initiate and to pursue continuing studies as to the need, if any, for changes in the laws and regulations administered by it that would arise from the presence within the state of special nuclear materials, source materials, by-product materials and radioactive materials, from the operation herein of production or utilization facilities, and, on the basis of such studies, to make such recommendations for the enactment of laws or amendments to law administered by it, and such proposals for amendments to the regulations issued by it, as may appear necessary and appropriate.

**I.** The department of health and welfare, particularly as to hazards, if any, to the public health and safety.

**II.** The department of labor & industry, particularly as to hazardous working conditions, if any.

**III.** The industrial accident commission, particularly as to the time and character of proof of claims of injuries and the extent of the compensation allowable therefor.

**IV.** The state highway commission, particularly as to the transportation of special nuclear materials, source materials, by-product and radioactive materials on highways of the state.

**V.** The public utilities commission, particularly as to the transportation of special nuclear materials, source materials, by-product and radioactive materials by common carriers not in interstate commerce and as to the participation by public utilities subject to its jurisdiction in projects looking to the development of production or utilization facilities for industrial or commercial use.

**VI.** The insurance commissioner, particularly as to the insurance of persons and property from hazards to life and property resulting from atomic development.

**VII.** The departments of forestry, inland fisheries and game, sea and shore fisheries and the aeronautics commission, particularly as to the hazards, if any, to the natural resources of the state, including wildlife, and as to the protection, if necessary, of rivers, streams and airspace from pollution.

**VIII.** Such other departments and agencies, including departments and agencies of political subdivisions of the state, as the governor may direct and for the purposes specified by him. (1955, c. 105, § 1. 1957, c. 210, §§ 5, 6.)

**Effect of amendment.** — The 1957 also to "source materials" and "radioactive materials".

**Sec. 5. Coordination of studies and development activities.**—The governor and council shall appoint a citizen of this state to serve as adviser to the governor with respect to atomic industrial development within the state; as coordinator of the development and regulatory activities of the state relating to the industrial and commercial uses of atomic energy and other forms of radiation; and as deputy of the governor in matters relating to atomic energy and other forms of radiation, including participation in the activities of any committee formed by the New England states to represent their interest in such matters and also cooperation with other states and with the government of the United States. The person so appointed shall have the title of coordinator of atomic development activities.

The coordinator of atomic development activities shall have the duty of coordinating the studies, recommendations and proposals of the several departments and agencies of the state and its political subdivisions required by section 4 with each other and also with the programs and activities of the department of labor and industry and the department of economic development and of the state. So far as may be practicable, he shall coordinate the studies conducted, and the recommendations and proposals made, in this state with like activities in the New England and other states and with the policies and regulations of the United States atomic energy commission. In carrying out his duties, he shall proceed in close cooperation with the department of labor and industry and the department of economic development.

The several departments and agencies of the state and its political subdivisions which are directed by section 4 to initiate and pursue continuing studies are further directed to keep the coordinator of atomic development activities fully and currently informed as to their activities relating to atomic energy. No regulation or amendment to a regulation applying specifically to an atomic energy matter which any such department or agency may propose to issue shall become effective until 30 days after it has been submitted to the coordinator. If the coordinator objects to any such regulation or amendment thereto he may, within said 30 days, notify the governor of his objection and the reasons therefor, and the governor, after due consideration thereof, and after discussion with said department or agency, and within 15 days after receipt of said notice from the coordinator, may declare the proposed regulation or amendment thereto valid and effective, or he may declare it invalid and ineffective. Upon a finding of emergency need, the governor may declare any proposed regulation or amendment thereto immediately effective.

The coordinator of atomic development activities shall keep the governor and council and the several interested departments and agencies informed as to private and public activities affecting atomic industrial development and shall enlist their cooperation in taking action to further such development as is consistent with the health, safety and general welfare of this state. (1955, c. 105, § 1. 1957, c. 123, § 11; c. 210, § 7.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The first 1957 amendment substituted “department of economic development” for “Maine development commission” in two places in the first paragraph. The second 1957 amendment inserted the words “and other forms of radiation” in two places in the first paragraph.

**Sec. 6. Injunction proceedings.**—Whenever, in the opinion of the attorney general, any person is violating or is about to violate section 3, the attorney general may apply to the appropriate court for an order enjoining the person from engaging or continuing to engage in the activity violative of this chapter and upon a showing that such person has engaged, or is about to engage in any such activity, a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order or other order may be granted. (1955, c. 105, § 1.)

**Sec. 7. Agreements and cooperative arrangements authorized.**—Any appropriate department or agency may cooperate with the federal govern-

ment in performing functions on behalf of the federal government relating to atomic energy, and in the administration of this chapter or any matter pertaining thereto, and for that purpose may, with the approval of the coordinator, enter into agreements or cooperative arrangements with the federal government.

Such department or agency may receive, administer and disburse any funds or contributions received from the federal government for the purposes mentioned herein. (1957, c. 210, § 8.)

## Chapter 53.

### Corporations.

Sections 127 to 135-A. Foreign Corporations.

#### Corporate Powers. Meetings.

**Sec. 19. Issue of stock for property and services; issue of rights or options.**—Any corporation may purchase mines, manufactories and other property necessary for its business and the stock of any company or companies owning, mining, manufacturing or producing materials or other property necessary for its business, and issue stock to the amount of the value thereof in payment therefor, and may likewise issue stock for services rendered to such corporation and the stock so issued shall be fully paid stock and not liable to any further call or payment thereon, and may create and issue rights or options entitling the holders thereof to purchase from the corporation any shares of its stock for such consideration not less than par and, in the case of stock having no par value, in accordance with the provisions of section 20 hereof, upon such conditions as the stockholders or the directors, acting under authority granted by the stockholders, may prescribe; and in the absence of actual fraud in the transaction, the judgment of the directors as to the value of the property purchased, services rendered and rights or options granted, shall be conclusive. (R. S. c. 49 § 18. 1955, c. 284.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment inserted the provisions authorizing a corporation to create and issue rights and options.

#### Officers and Their Duties.

**Sec. 32. Officers of corporation; qualifications of directors; treasurer to give bond; clerk sworn; directors divided into classes; may hold meetings without this state.**—Corporations shall have a president, directors, clerk, treasurer and any other desirable officers. Such officers shall be chosen annually and shall continue in office until others are chosen and qualified in their stead. There shall not be less than 3 directors, one of whom shall be by them elected president. Directors must be and remain stockholders, except that a member of another corporation, which owns stock and has a right to vote thereon, may be a director. The treasurer shall give bond for the faithful discharge of his duties, in such sum and with such sureties as are required. The clerk shall be sworn and shall record all votes of the corporation in a book kept for that purpose; nothing herein shall prohibit corporations from providing by their by-laws for the division of their directors into classes and their election for a longer term than 1 year. After the certificate of organization required by law is filed in the office of the secretary of state, directors of all corporations may hold meetings without the state and there transact business and perform all corporate acts not expressly required by statute to be performed within the state. Directors of corporations may act through committees whose powers shall be defined in the by-laws. (R. S. c. 49, § 31. 1955, c. 103. 1957, c. 397, § 35.)