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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Pertaining to the Definition of a Contract Carrier.

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

R. S., c. 44, § 21, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 21 of chapter 44 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The term "contract carrier" as used in this chapter is intended to include all persons, firms or corporations operating or causing the operation of motor vehicles transporting freight or merchandise for hire upon the public highways, other than common carriers over regular routes; except that the term shall not be construed to include any person, firm or corporation not regularly engaged in the transportation business but who on occasional trips transports the property of others for hire. Whether or not any person, firm or corporation is engaging regularly in the transportation business within the meaning of this paagraph shall be a question of fact, to be determined by the commission, the supreme judicial court, the superior court or a municipal court, but the making of more than 2 trips for hire during any 30 day 6-month period shall be deemed as regularly engaging in the transportation business.'