

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1845.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1845.

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**Chapter 150.**

CHAP. 150.

AN ACT authorizing guardians, and other persons having the care of or holding real estate in trust, to cause the same to be insured.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

That any person having the care of any real estate as guardian, or holding the same in trust for any person, which estate is liable to be destroyed or injured by fire, is hereby fully authorized to cause the same to be insured in any mutual insurance company in this state, which he may select, or elsewhere, and such guardian or person holding any such real estate, is authorized and empowered to give any premium note which the by-laws of the company insuring may require, and such note being signed by the guardian, as such, or other person holding such estate in trust, and specifying therein the name or names of the persons for whose benefit such insurance is made, shall bind the persons whose names are so specified therein, and shall create a lien upon their estate, in the same manner as if such persons were of full age and competent to contract, and had signed said notes themselves.

Guardians, &c. authorized to insure the property of their wards.

[Approved March 26, 1845.]

**Chapter 151.**

AN ACT repealing the fifty-ninth chapter of the revised statutes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

The fifty-ninth chapter of the revised statutes, is hereby repealed ; and this act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

Ch. 59 R. S. repealed.

[Approved March 27, 1845.]

**Chapter 152.**

AN ACT additional to chapter eighty-second of the revised statutes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. That any agricultural or horticultural society in this state, is hereby empowered to expend such portion of their funds as they may deem proper, in the employment of a person or persons, to make agricultural surveys in their particular section of the

Agricultural societies, &c., may employ suitable persons to make surveys.

CHAP. 153.

state, and to give lectures or addresses to farmers on subjects pertaining to their business; and to disseminate information by publishing books, pamphlets and papers, devoted to such information.

SECT. 2. All acts or parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

[Approved March 27, 1845.]

### Chapter 153.

AN ACT to compel the attendance of witnesses in criminal prosecutions.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

If witness duly summoned, in behalf of the state, &c., fail to appear, penalty.

If any person, competent as a witness, who shall have been duly summoned to appear and give evidence, in behalf of the state, before any court or grand jury, shall, without reasonable cause, fail so to do, at the time and place designated in the summons therefor; such person shall be punished, on indictment, by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail, not exceeding one year: *provided, however,* that this act shall not apply to any person who shall have been punished for the same delinquency, as for a contempt.

Proviso.

[Approved March 27, 1845.]

### Chapter 154.

AN ACT in relation to steam navigation corporations.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Liability as common carriers, &c.

SECT. 1. All corporations heretofore created in this state since the seventeenth day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, and which shall be hereafter created for the purposes of steam navigation, unless otherwise expressed in their charter, shall hereafter be liable for all claims for damages against any such corporation arising out of the breach of any contract, express or implied made by such corporation as common carriers or from the misconduct or neglect of such corporation or its agents, under the maritime law, in every case to the same extent as owners of vessels are liable by law: and in case of a deficiency of attachable corporate property or estate, the individual property and rights and credits of any stockholder thereof, shall be liable to be taken on execution to the amount

How claims for misconduct or neglect may be recovered.