

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## CHAP. 264

## Chapter 264.

An Act to amend Section sixty-seven of Chapter sixty-four of the Revised Statutes, relating to embezzlement of estates of Deceased Persons.

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

Sec. 67, ch. 64,  
R. S. amended.

Section sixty-seven of chapter sixty-four of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out all after the word "examination," in the tenth line, and by adding thereto, after the word "examination," above mentioned, the words, 'such examination shall not be extended over any period of time exceeding twenty years before the time said complaint is filed in the probate court'; so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

Embezzlement  
of estate of de-  
ceased persons,  
proceedings in  
case of.

'SECT. 67. Upon complaint by an executor, administrator, heir, legatee, creditor or other person interested in the estate of a person deceased, against any one suspected of having concealed or conveyed away any money, goods, effects or real estate of the deceased, or of having fraudulently received any such money, goods, effects or real estate, or of aiding others in so doing, the judge of probate may cite such suspected person or corporation to appear before him to be examined on oath in relation thereto, and he may require him to produce for the inspection of the court and parties, all books, papers or other documents within his control, relating to the matter under examination; such examination shall not be extended over any period of time exceeding twenty years before the time said complaint is filed in the probate court.'

Approved March 6, 1889.

## Chapter 265.

An Act to amend Section twenty-one, Chapter fifty-two of the Revised Statutes, relating to Steam Navigation Companies.

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

Sec. 21, ch. 52,  
R. S. amended.

Section twenty-one of chapter fifty-two of the Revised Statutes of eighteen hundred and eighty-three, relating to steam navigation companies, is hereby amended, by adding after the word "steam," in the eleventh line of said section,

the words, 'or by collision,' so that the sentence in which said amendment is made, shall read as follows :

'In case of damage by fire or by explosion of steam, or by collision, the inspectors shall forthwith investigate the cause thereof, and if found by them to have been occasioned by a violation of any of the aforesaid provisions, or of the orders, regulations and requirements of said inspectors, they shall so certify to the governor and to the county attorney in the county where the offence was committed, with the names of the parties and witnesses, and prosecution shall forthwith be instituted against all parties liable.'

In case of damage by fire, steam, or collision, duty of inspectors to investigate the cause.

Approved March 6, 1889.

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### Chapter 266.

An Act to prevent such formation of trusts, combination of business firms, incorporated or unincorporated companies, or association of persons or stockholders, as may be contrary to public policy.

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

SECT. 1. It shall be unlawful for any firm or incorporated company, or any number of firms or incorporated companies, or any unincorporated company, or association of persons or stockholders, organized for the purpose of manufacturing, producing, refining, or mining any article or product which enters into general use and consumption by the people, to form or organize any trust, or to enter into any combination of firms, incorporated or unincorporated companies, or association of stockholders, or to delegate to any one or more board or boards of trustees or directors the power to conduct and direct the business of the whole number of firms, corporations, companies or associations which may have, or which may propose to form a trust, combination or association inconsistent with the provisions of this section and contrary to public policy.

Formation of trusts forbidden.

SECT. 2. No certificate of stock, or other evidence of interest, in any trust, combination, or association, as named in section one of this act, shall have legal recognition in any court in this state, and any deed to real estate given by any person, firm, or corporation, for the purpose of becoming

Evidence of indebtedness in any trust, shall not have legal recognition.