

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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CHAP. 110 and cause such other proceedings to be had as are provided in the preceding section.'

Approved March 27, 1891.

Chapter 110.

An Act relating to the jurisdiction of Municipal and Police Courts in actions of Replevin.

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

Sec. 9, ch. 96,
R. S., amended.

Section nine of chapter ninety-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: 'The action may be brought before any municipal or police court in said county, if the value of the goods does not exceed the amount to which the civil jurisdiction of such court is limited,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

In what courts
replevin may be
brought.

'SECT. 9. If the value of the goods exceeds twenty dollars, the action shall be brought in the supreme judicial or superior court for the county where they are detained; if it does not exceed twenty dollars, before any trial justice of said county. The action may be brought before any municipal or police court in said county, if the value of the goods does not exceed the amount to which the civil jurisdiction of such court is limited.'

Approved March 27, 1891.

Chapter 111.

An Act to restore to certain corporations, rights of which they were deprived by the repeal of chapter three hundred and seventy-three of the Public Laws of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

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

All beneficiary
associations
permitted to do
business in the
state.

SECT. 1. Fraternal beneficiary corporations, associations, or societies, whether incorporated under the laws of this or some other state, which pay disability or death benefits, or both, and also benefits to members or their families, at the ends of such periods of time as are fixed in their by-laws and written in their benefit certificates, and which were transacting business in the state on February twenty-eight, eighteen

hundred and eighty-nine, may continue their work in the state in accordance with their respective constitutions, laws and usages, now existing, or as may hereafter be adopted, and increase their membership by instituting new subordinate bodies or branches, and through those already established, by conforming to the provisions of law relating to fraternal beneficiary organizations, not inconsistent herewith, and without incorporating thereunder, and without a license from the insurance commissioner.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 27, 1891.

Chapter 112.

An Act to amend chapter forty-nine of the Revised Statutes, relating to Insurance.

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

SECT. 1. Section seventy-two of chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "state," in the eighth line thereof the words 'by constituted agents resident therein', so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

'SECT. 72. No foreign insurance company shall transact any insurance business in this state, unless it first obtains a license from the commissioner. Before receiving such license, it shall furnish the commissioner with a certified copy of its charter and by-laws, with a statement under oath, signed by its president or secretary, showing its financial condition according to a form supplied by the commissioner. Upon receiving such copies and statement, the commissioner may grant a license authorizing the company to do insurance business in this state by constituted agents resident therein, subject to its laws, until the first day of the next July ; and annually thereafter, such license may be renewed, so long as he regards the company responsible and safe, but in all cases to terminate on the first day of the succeeding July. For such license and each renewal, the company shall pay the commissioner twenty dollars.'

Sec. 72, ch. 49,
R. S., amended.

No foreign insurance company shall do business in the state without exhibiting its financial condition to commissioner, and receiving a license from him, to be annually renewed.

SECT. 2. Section seventy-three of said chapter is hereby amended so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

Sec. 73,
amended.