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Chapter 160.

An Act to amend Section seventy-two of Chapter four of the Revised Statutes, relating to towns.

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

Section seventy-two of chapter four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the words, 'and a reasonable sum to secure, grade and care for a lot appropriate for such a monument,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 72,
chapter 4,
R. S.,
amended.

'Section 72. Cities and towns may raise money to procure the writing and publication of their histories, to celebrate any centennial or other anniversary of the settlement or incorporation of such city or town, and to publish the proceedings of any such celebration, to defray the expenses of the observance of memorial day and of old home week, and a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars in any one town for erecting a suitable monument in memory of the soldiers who sacrificed their lives in defense of their country in the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and a reasonable sum to secure, grade and care for a lot appropriate for such a monument.'

May publish their histories, celebrate anniversaries.

—observe memorial day.

—old home week.

—erect soldiers' monuments.

Approved March 29 1909.

Chapter 161.

An Act relating to the Solemnization of Marriages.

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

Section 1. Every justice of the peace or notary public residing in this state may solemnize marriages therein. Every ordained minister of the gospel, clergyman engaged in the service of the religious body to which he belongs, or person licensed to preach by an association of ministers, religious seminary or ecclesiastical body, whether a resident or non-resident of this state, and of either sex, may solemnize marriages therein after being licensed for that purpose, upon application duly filed with the secretary of state, as herein provided. Such application shall be made upon blanks furnished by the secretary of state which shall be signed by the applicant and set forth the necessary facts in the premises, which facts shall be certified to by the clerk, treasurer, or any of the municipal officers of the town wherein the applicant resides, or wherein the ceremony is to be performed. Upon receipt of such application the secretary of state shall issue to the applicant a license

Who may solemnize marriages.

—women authorized.

—application, how made.

—secretary of state shall issue license.

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—license or certified copy shall be received as evidence.

—tenure of license.

Section 13, chapter 61, R. S., amended.

Penalty for joining persons in marriage in violation of this act.

Sections 11 and 12, chapter 61, R. S., repealed.

under the seal of the state to the effect that he is authorized to solemnize marriages in this state. Such license, or a certified copy thereof shall be received as evidence in all courts of his authority in the premises, and a copy of the record of any marriage solemnized by such licensee duly made and kept, attested or sworn to by the clerk of the town in which the marriage intention was recorded or in which the marriage was solemnized shall be received in all courts as evidence of the fact of marriage. Such license shall continue until revoked by the governor for cause, after notice and an opportunity to be heard thereon.

Section 2. Section thirteen of chapter sixty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking from the first line thereof the words "commissioned as aforesaid," so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Section 13. Whoever knowingly and willingly joins persons in marriage contrary to this chapter, forfeits one hundred dollars, two-thirds thereof to the county where the offense is committed, and one-third to the prosecutor, to be recovered by the county treasurer, or by the parent guardian, or other person under whose immediate care and government either of the parties was at the time of such marriage; and such offender is forbidden to join any persons in marriage thereafter.'

Section 3. Sections eleven and twelve of chapter sixty-one of the revised statutes, and chapter ninety-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seven, are hereby repealed.

Approved March 29, 1909.

Chapter 162.

An Act to amend Section twelve of Chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter one hundred and five of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and five, relating to gambling devices.

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

Section 12, chapter 126, R. S., as amended by chapter 105, public laws, 1905, amended.

Tools and implements for gambling, counterfeiting, and burglars' tools,

Section twelve of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and five of the public laws of nineteen hundred and five, is hereby stricken out, and the following section is hereby inserted in its stead:

'Section 12. All tools, machines, dies, plates or materials provided for making counterfeit or spurious coin, or for forging bank notes or other instruments; all burglars' tools, or implements prepared or designed for burglary; all lottery