

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1913

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STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-Sixth
Legislature

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Chapter 106.

CHAP. 106

An Act to Protect Trade and Commerce Against Unlawful Restraints and Monopolies.

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

Section 1. Every contract, combination in the form of trusts or otherwise, or conspiracy, in restraint of trade or commerce in this state is hereby declared to be illegal. Every person who shall make any such contract or engage in any such combination or conspiracy shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Contracts in restraint of trade declared illegal.

—penalty for violation of this section.

Section 2. Every person who shall monopolize or attempt to monopolize or combine or conspire with any other person or persons to monopolize any part of the trade or commerce of this state shall be punished upon conviction thereof by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding six months or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Penalty for conspiring to monopolize trade.

Section 3. Any person who shall be injured in his business or property by any other person or corporation by reason of anything forbidden or declared to be unlawful by this act may sue therefor in an action on the case and shall recover three times the damages by him sustained.

Persons damaged by violation of this act may recover.

Section 4. Nothing in this act shall in any way be construed to interfere with or modify the federal statutes relating to this subject.

Federal statutes not modified.

Approved March 25, 1913.

Chapter 107.

An Act Relating to the Organization of Corporations Under Private and Special Laws.

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

Section 1. No corporation created by special act of the legislature, municipal corporations excepted, shall carry on any business whatsoever, before filing in the office of the secretary of state the certificate of organization provided by section three of chapter forty-seven of the revised statutes.

Certificate of organization shall be filed in office of secretary of state.

Section 2. Whoever, whether the persons named in the act of the legislature or others, conducts and carries on any business whatsoever in the name of such corporation before filing said certificate shall be personally and individually liable for

Persons named in act liable for debts of corporation if certificate is not filed.

CHAP. 108 all contracts and debts of said corporation contracted prior to the filing of said certificate.

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall apply to all individuals granted special rights and privileges by act of the legislature.

Act applies to all individuals granted special rights.

Approved March 25, 1913.

Chapter 108.

An Act Relating to Fire Inspectors and the Removal of Fire Hazards.

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

Election of fire warden required who shall be a fire inspector.

Section 1. Each town at its annual meeting shall elect at least one fire ward, who shall be a fire inspector and shall perform the several duties prescribed by this act; if more than one fire ward is elected by any town, one of said fire wards shall be designated as fire inspector of said town and the other fire wards shall, under the direction of the fire inspector, assist in performing the duties imposed upon said fire inspector by this act. Fire inspectors shall receive reasonable compensation for their services to be determined by the town. In towns and cities having an organized fire department, the chief of such fire department shall perform the duties of fire inspector under this act. The municipal officers may authorize such fire inspectors to perform the duties imposed upon them by sections forty-six, forty-seven and forty-nine of chapter twenty-eight of the revised statutes, and when so authorized said fire inspectors shall have all the powers and shall perform all the duties prescribed by said sections forty-six, forty-seven and forty-nine of said chapter twenty-eight of the revised statutes. Such fire inspectors shall furnish the insurance commissioner with such information as he may require and shall perform such inspections as the insurance commissioner may direct.

—compensation of fire inspectors.

—duties of fire inspectors when authorized by municipal officers.

Insurance com'r upon complaint may inspect buildings.

—combustible or other dangerous matter may be removed.

Section 2. The insurance commissioner, his deputy, or the fire inspector, upon the complaint of any person, or whenever he or they shall deem it necessary, may inspect or cause to be inspected all buildings and premises within their jurisdiction. Whenever any of said officers shall find any building or other structure which, for want of repairs, or by reason of age or dilapidated condition, or from any other cause, is especially liable to fire, and which is so situated as to endanger other property, and whenever such officer shall find in or around any building combustible or explosive matter, or inflammable or other conditions dangerous to the safety of such buildings, he