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Chapter 251.

CHAP. 251

An Act Providing for Enumeration of Neat Cattle, Sheep and Swine.

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

Section sixteen of chapter eight of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting the following:

Ch. 8, Sec.
16, R. S.,
amended.

'Section 16. Assessors of taxes shall include in the inventory, required to be taken on April first, the number and value of all sheep, swine, yearling and two-year-old neat cattle, stated separately, of sheep and of swine; and at every fifth year after nineteen hundred thirteen the number and value of each kind of domestic fowl, and of the eggs and poultry, stated separately, produced therefrom during the year preceding. They shall make return thereof to the State Assessors who shall tabulate the returns and publish them in detail. Said property shall not be included in the tax list.'

Assessors shall include in inventory sheep, swine, neat cattle, and fowl as herein provided.

—returns to State Assessors.

—not in tax list.

Approved March 31, 1915.

Chapter 252.

An Act to Amend Sections Thirty-eight, Thirty-nine, Forty, Forty-two and Forty-four of Chapter Twenty-eight of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Protection of Life in Public Buildings.

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

Section 1. Section thirty-eight of chapter twenty-eight of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred ninety-four of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred nine, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Ch. 28, Sec.
38, R. S., as
amended,
further
amended.

'Section 38. Every public house where guests are lodged, and every building in which any trade, manufacture or business is carried on, requiring the presence of workmen above the first story, and all rooms used for public assembly or amusement, and all tenement houses three stories in height where only one stairway or means of egress from the upper stories of the building is provided, and all tenement houses of four or more stories in height, intended to be occupied by families, boarders or lodgers, above the third story, and all buildings used for school purposes, including school dormitories, two stories or more in height, shall at all times be provided with proper egresses or other means of escape from fire sufficient for the use of all persons accommodated, assembled, employed, lodged or resident therein. These egresses and means of escape shall be kept unobstructed, in good repair and ready for use, the

Suitable fire escapes shall be provided, and maintained for hotels, factories, school buildings, etc.

CHAP. 251 sufficiency thereof to be determined as provided in the following section.'

Ch. 28, Sec.
39, R. S.,
amended.

Safe-
guards
shall be
inspected.

Section 2. Section thirty-nine of chapter twenty-eight of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Section 39. In towns or parts of towns having no organized fire department, the municipal officers shall annually make or direct the fire inspector to make a careful inspection of the precautions and safeguards provided in compliance with the foregoing requirements, and pass upon their sufficiency as to arrangement and number, and upon their state of repair; and direct such alterations, additions and repairs as they adjudge necessary. In towns, cities and villages having an organized fire department the duties aforesaid shall be discharged by the chief of the fire department.'

Ch. 28, Sec.
40, R. S.,
amended.

—notifica-
tion to
owners.

Section 3. Section forty of chapter twenty-eight of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Section 40. Such municipal officers or chief of the fire department shall give written notice to the occupant of such building, also to the owner thereof, if known, of their determination as to the sufficiency of said precautions and safeguards, specifying in said notice any alteration, addition or repair which they require. Sixty days are allowed for compliance with such notice and order.'

Section 4. Section forty-two of chapter twenty-eight of the Revised Statutes hereby is amended to read as follows:

Ch. 28, Sec.
42, R. S.,
amended.
—issuance
of certi-
ficates.

'Section 42. Wherever the municipal officers or chief of the fire department upon inspection find that proper safeguards and precautions for escape in case of fire, or of alarm, have been provided, they shall give to the occupant of such building a certificate, under their hands, of such fact; which shall be valid for one year only from its date; and a reasonable compensation for such inspection shall be paid by the city or town in which any such building is located, by an order drawn upon its treasurer. Such officers shall return to the clerk's office of their town, monthly, a list of such certificates by them issued, which the clerk shall record in a suitable book.'

Ch. 28, Sec.
44, R. S.,
amended.

—penalty
for neglect
of duty.

Section 5. Section forty-four of chapter twenty-eight of the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Section 44. Every municipal officer or fire inspector or chief of fire department who refuses or neglects to perform the duties imposed upon him by the preceding sections forfeits fifty dollars.'