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‘Sec. 18. Licenses may be renewed upon written request to commissioner, accompanied by fee. Application blanks not necessary. The commissioner of sea and shore fisheries shall grant and issue licenses to any citizen of this state, or to any person who has resided in this state for one year immediately preceding the date of application for license, or to corporations or firms engaged in the lobster business located in this state or other states, to catch, take, hold, buy, ship, transport, carry, give away, remove, sell or expose for sale, within this state, and have in his or its possession, lobsters from the waters within the jurisdiction of this state, in the manner, at the time and subject to the regulations provided in sections seventeen to thirty-four, both inclusive. Applications for licenses shall be made upon special forms provided by the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries, and the said commissioner shall keep the clerks of the various cities, towns and plantations bordering on the seashore, and other clerks who request them, supplied with blank applications; said clerks shall keep a supply of the same on hand and furnish them to all applicants. All applications, when filled out, shall be forwarded to the office of said commissioner, together with the fees for same. A renewal of license need not be made upon application blanks, but such license can be renewed upon written request to the commissioner, accompanied by fee for same. Such licenses shall be granted to expire on the last day of November next succeeding the granting of the same, unless sooner revoked, as provided in section twenty, and each person, firm or corporation to whom licenses shall be granted, shall, for each license, pay to said commissioner the sum of one dollar for the use of the state, to be forwarded to the treasurer of state; which amounts shall be credited to and be a part of the funds to be used for operating expenses in the department of sea and shore fisheries. The commissioner, in his biennial report shall state the number of licenses granted, the names of the parties licensed and the amount of money received therefor. He shall issue to each person, firm or corporation licensed as aforesaid a certificate, stating the name of the person, firm or corporation to whom such license has been granted, the number of said license and the date of expiration of such license.

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Chapter 24.

An Act to Amend Section Ten of Chapter Nine of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Employment of Assistance by the Board of State Assessors in the Reassessment of Real and Personal Property.

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

R. S., c. 9, § 10, relating to concealment of property from taxation, amended. Section ten of chapter nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word “cases” in the nineteenth line of said section the following: ‘Provided a satisfactory reassessment is not made by the local assessors, then the board of state assessors may employ assistance, from within or without the town where the reassessment is to be

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made, and said town shall bear all necessary expense incurred,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 10. State board of assessors may employ assistance, in any local reassessment, at expense of municipality. The board shall, at its own instance or on complaint made to it, diligently investigate all cases of concealment of property from taxation, of under valuation, and of failure to assess property liable to taxation. They shall bring to the attention of town assessors all such cases in their respective towns. They shall direct proceedings, actions and prosecutions to be instituted to enforce all laws relating to the assessment and taxation of property and to the liability of individuals, public officers, and officers, and agents of corporations for failure or negligence to comply with the provisions of the laws governing the assessment of taxation of property, and the attorney general and county attorneys, upon the written request of the board, shall institute such legal proceedings as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The board shall have power to order the reassessment of any or all real and personal property, or either, in any town where in the judgment of said board such reassessment is advisable or necessary to the end that all classes of property in such town shall be assessed in compliance with the law. Neglect or failure to comply with such orders on the part of any assessor or other official shall be deemed wilful neglect of duty and he shall be subject to the penalties provided by law in such cases. Provided a satisfactory reassessment is not made by the local assessors, then the board of state assessors may employ assistance, from within or without the town where such reassessment is to be made, and said town shall bear all necessary expense incurred. Any person aggrieved because of such reassessment shall have the same right of petition and appeal as from the original assessment.'

Approved March 8, 1917.

Chapter 25.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred Twenty-one of Chapter Fifty-three of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Insurance Agents and Brokers.

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

Sec. 1, R. S., c. 53, § 121, relating to licenses of insurance agents, amended. Section one hundred twenty-one of chapter fifty-three of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "he forfeits not more than fifty dollars for each offense," in the twelfth line and inserting in place thereof the words 'he shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding sixty days, for each offense,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 121. Penalty for soliciting applications, without license, increased. The insurance commissioner may issue a license to any person to act as an agent of a domestic insurance company, upon his filing with the commissioner a certificate from the company or association, or its authorized agent, empowering him so to act; and to any resident of the state to act