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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

## Seventy-Eighth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

1917

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child when absent therefrom, and any parent or guardian of any such child or children, wilfully refusing to allow said children under his control to attend school or opposing said agent in arresting and taking said children to school, may be prosecuted by said agent in the name of the state before the nearest trial justice, and if found guilty shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars for the use of the schools in the township wherein said children are residents, or shall be imprisoned for not exceeding thirty days. The state superintendent may supply school books for the schools established under said sections under such conditions as to the purchase and care thereof as he may deem proper.'

Approved March 19, 1917.

## Chapter 52.

An Act to Amend Section Three of Chapter Ten of the Revised Statutes Defining what Constitutes Real Estate for the Purposes of Taxation.

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

**R. S., c. 10, § 3, relating to real estate for purposes of taxation, amended.** Section three of chapter ten of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "taxation" in the ninth and tenth lines of said section the words 'also transmission lines of electric light and power companies' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 3. Transmission lines of electric light and power companies to be taxed as real estate.** Real estate, for the purposes of taxation, except as provided in section six, includes all lands in the state, together with the water power, shore privileges and rights, forest and mineral deposits appertaining thereto, and all buildings erected on or affixed to the same, and all townships and tracts of land, the fee of which has passed from the state since the year eighteen hundred fifty, and all interests in timber upon public lands derived by permits granted by the commonwealth of Massachusetts; interest and improvements in land, the fee of which is in the state; and interest by contract or otherwise in land exempt from taxation; also transmission lines of electric light and power companies. There shall be a lien to secure the payment of all taxes legally assessed on real estate as defined in this section, which shall take precedence of all other claims on said real estate and interests, and shall continue in force until said taxes are paid.'

Approved March 22, 1917.

## Chapter 53.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty-four of Chapter Twenty-six of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Registration of Manufacturers and Dealers in Motor Vehicles.

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

**R. S., c. 26, § 24, relating to dealers' registration of motor vehicles, amended.** Section twenty-four of chapter twenty-six of the revised stat-

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utes is hereby amended by striking out the words "and all motor vehicles (automobiles and motor trucks) owned and controlled by such manufacturer or dealer shall until sold, or exchanged be regarded as registered under such general distinguishing number or mark. The annual fee for every certificate of registration to purchase, demonstrate, sell and exchange automobiles and auto trucks, shall be twenty-five dollars," in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth lines of said section, and inserting in place thereof the following words: 'And all motor vehicles (automobiles and motor trucks) owned or controlled by such manufacturer or dealer shall be regarded as registered under such general distinguishing number or mark until sold, exchanged, let for hire, or loaned for a period of more than five successive days. The annual fee for every such certificate of registration shall be twenty-five dollars,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 24. Motor vehicles may be let for hire or loaned for a period of five days, under dealers' license.** Every manufacturer of or dealer in motor vehicles (automobiles or auto trucks) may instead of registering each motor vehicle owned or controlled by him, make application upon a blank provided by the secretary of state, for a general distinguishing number or mark and said secretary may, if satisfied with the facts stated in the application, grant the application and issue to the applicant a certificate of registration, containing the name, place of residence and address of the applicant and the general distinguishing number or mark assigned to him or them and made in such form as the secretary of state may determine; and all motor vehicles (automobiles and motor trucks) owned or controlled by such manufacturer or dealer shall be regarded as registered under such general distinguishing number or mark until sold, exchanged, let for hire, or loaned for a period of more than five successive days. The annual fee for every such certificate of registration shall be twenty-five dollars. The secretary of state shall furnish the manufacturer or dealer with five pairs of registration number plates free of cost. Extra registration plates shall be furnished to the manufacturers and dealers in automobiles and auto trucks, in addition to the five pairs of plates originally furnished, to replace lost or mutilated plates, for seventy-five cents each. Transportation charges on registration number plates shall be paid by the receiver. On applications for registration applied for by manufacturers or dealers in automobiles or motor trucks, during the period between the first day of October and the thirty-first day of December in any year, one-half of the registration fee shall be charged.'

Approved March 22, 1917.

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## Chapter 54.

An Act to Prevent Defacing Identification Marks on Motor Vehicles.

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

**Penalty for defacing identification marks on motor vehicles. Term defined in c. 26, § 15.** Whoever knowingly buys, sells, receives, disposes