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Chapter 64.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred Forty-six of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Annual Appropriation for the Support of Normal and Training Schools.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 146, relating to support of normal schools, amended. Section one hundred forty-six of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "ninety" in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the words 'one hundred ten' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 146. Annual appropriation increased to \$110,000. For the support of the five normal schools and the Madawaska Training School, the sum of one hundred ten thousand dollars is annually appropriated, to be expended under the direction of said trustees, which sum the treasurer of state shall deduct for said purpose from any school money raised for the support of common schools. The governor and council may from time to time, as they think proper, draw warrants therefor on said treasurer in favor of said trustees.'

Approved March 22, 1917.

Chapter 65.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred Eighteen of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Annual Appropriation for Schooling of Children in Unorganized Townships.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 118, relating to appropriation for schooling in unorganized townships, amended. Section one hundred eighteen of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "twenty-five" in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the word 'twenty-seven' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 118. Annual appropriation increased to \$27,000. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the three preceding sections, there is hereby appropriated the sum of twenty-seven thousand dollars annually, which sum shall be deducted and set aside therefor by the treasurer of state from the annual school funds of the state.'

Approved March 22, 1917.

Chapter 66.

An Act to Provide for a Non-Resident Fishing License.

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

Sec. 1. Non-resident fishermen, over 14 years of age, must be licensed. Form and fee. How licenses may be procured. Persons not bona fide residents of the state, and not actually domiciled therein, except children under

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fourteen years of age, shall not fish for, take, catch or kill any kind of fish at any time in any of the inland waters of the state, or have the same or any part thereof in possession, without first having procured a license therefor as hereinafter provided. Such licenses shall be of such form and style as may be prescribed by the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, and shall be issued by town clerks and other agents appointed by said commissioners under such regulations as may be established by said commissioners, upon application in writing on blanks to be furnished by said commissioners and payment of a fee of two dollars and fifteen cents.

Sec. 2. Licensee given authority to transport fish. All licenses issued by virtue of this act shall expire with the calendar year in which issued and shall entitle the purchaser thereof to take fish in the inland waters of this state and transport the same during the period covered by said license in accordance with the laws of the state. The purchaser of a license to fish by virtue of this act may offer for transportation and have transported in accordance with the provisions of chapter thirty-three of the revised statutes fish which he has legally in possession by exhibiting his license to the agent of a transportation company, who shall endorse upon the back thereof, in ink, the name of the station from which said shipment is made, the date of shipment, the destination and weight of each kind of fish shipped, and such shipment shall have affixed thereto a tag plainly marked with the name and address of the shipper, the license number and the kind and weight of such fish. If a license is presented with a consignment of fish and the endorsement on such license shows that the holder of the license is not authorized by law to offer such fish for shipment, such agent shall refuse to accept the same for shipment.

Sec. 3. Violation of fish and game laws, cause for revocation of license. The commissioners of inland fisheries and game may temporarily revoke any license issued by virtue of this act when the holder thereof is charged with having violated any of the inland fish and game laws of this state, and if the holder is convicted of a violation of the inland fish and game laws of this state his license may be fully revoked and another license shall not be issued to such person until after a year from the time of revocation except upon written consent of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game.

Sec. 4. Must have license on person when fishing, or having fish in possession. No person to whom a license has been issued as herein provided, shall fish for, take, catch, kill, have in possession, transport or offer for transportation any inland fish unless at the time of such fishing for, taking, catching, killing, having in possession, transporting or offering for transportation inland fish such person has such license on his person. Such person shall exhibit such license, on demand, to any officer authorized to enforce the inland fish and game laws.

Sec. 5. Town clerks and agents to make monthly report and remittance to commissioners. Penalty for neglect. Every town clerk or agent appointed to issue licenses as provided in this act shall on the first Monday of each month forward to the commissioners of inland fisheries and game

the amount received, if any, for such licenses issued during the preceding month, less a recording fee of fifteen cents for each license issued, together with the application for and stub of each license issued. Any town clerk or agent appointed to issue licenses by virtue of this act who shall neglect or refuse to issue such licenses under regulations established by the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, or who shall neglect or refuse to remit for licenses issued by virtue of this act within a period of thirty days from the first Monday of each month shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than fifty dollars and costs for each offense.

Sec. 6. Fees to be deposited by commissioners with state treasurer. Fund to be used for propagation and protection of inland fish. All license fees collected by virtue of this act shall be paid by the commissioners of inland fisheries and game to the state treasurer and shall be set apart as a fund to be expended by said commissioners, with the approval of the governor and council, for the propagation and protection of inland fish in this state, and said commissioners are hereby authorized to receive and expend said moneys in the manner and purposes as herein specified; provided, however, that in case of a failure to convict in any prosecution for any violation of any provision of this act, the costs of said prosecution shall be paid out of the fund created by this act.

Sec. 7. Fishing gear in possession prima facie evidence of violation. The possession of any fishing tackle in the fields or forests or on the waters or ice of the state by any non-resident required to be licensed by virtue of this act, unless the person having such fishing tackle in possession has in his possession a fishing license, as herein provided, duly issued to him and covering the period the fishing tackle is found in his possession, shall be prima facie evidence of fishing in violation of this act.

Sec. 8. Penalty for violation or alteration of license. Licenses not transferable. Whoever violates any provision of sections one, two, four, or seven of this act, or who shall furnish to another person or permits another person to have or use any license issued to him, or changes or alters the same in any manner, or who has or uses any license issued to another person, or whoever knowingly guides any non-resident for inland fishing who has not a license for fishing as herein provided, shall pay a fine of not less than ten or more than thirty dollars and costs for each offense and one dollar additional for each fish taken, caught, killed, had in possession or transported in violation of any provision of this act.

Sec. 9. Application. The provisions of this act shall not apply to the taking or transportation of fish under the provisions of section twenty-seven of chapter thirty-three of the revised statutes.