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Sec. 2. Proceedings by board when inventory is not made. Should any owner or person having in his charge or control personal property taxable by said board, as provided in section one, neglect or refuse to comply with the requirements of this act, the board of state assessors may secure the necessary information by such methods as they deem advisable, and the necessary expense incurred in securing such information shall be added to the tax assessed against the property of such owner or person and paid to the state treasurer with the tax.

Sec. 3. Tax to be paid to state treasurer on or before Oct. 1st, to be turned over to counties; proceedings when tax payer is delinquent. Taxes levied under the provisions of section one shall be paid to the treasurer of state on or before October first of each year, and the treasurer of state shall at once credit the county treasurer with the amount of county tax so received, and this amount, plus interest after October first, shall be paid by the treasurer of state to the several county treasurers within thirty days from receipt thereof, and the governor and council are hereby authorized to draw their warrants for the same as above provided. A lien is created on all personal property for such taxes and expenses incurred in accordance with the provisions of section two, and such property may be sold for the payment of such taxes and expenses at any time after October first under such conditions as may be determined by the board of state assessors, but any balance remaining after deducting taxes and necessary additions made in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be returned to the owner or person in possession of such property.

Sec. 4. Tax lists to be certified. All lists of property returned to the board of state assessors shall be certified before a justice of the peace, or in such manner as may be determined from time to time by the board of state assessors.

Sec. 5. Date when effective. This act shall take effect January first, nineteen hundred eighteen.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 254.

An Act to Regulate the Operation of Motor Vehicles for the Carriage of Passengers and Freight.

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

Sec. 1. jitney busses; permits to be granted by state highway commission. The state highway commission may, upon proper application in writing, grant permits for the operation of jitney busses, so-called, or any other steam or motor driven vehicles making regular schedule trips for the carriage of passengers or freight from one point to another, over any street, highway, or bridge, and may make regulations limiting the rate of speed of such vehicles, their weight, the load they may carry, and the time of year during which they may operate, and any other regulations which in the opinion

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of said commission are necessary for the protection of said streets or highways, and no such jitney bus, or other steam or motor driven vehicles shall be so operated on any highway or town way without such permit.

Sec. 2. Penalties and fines. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this act shall be liable to the penalty provided by section fourteen of chapter twenty-six of the revised statutes, except that in the case of damage to any street, highway or bridge which is under the jurisdiction of the state highway commission, any fine shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be used for the repair of the street, highway or bridge so damaged.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 255.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-six of Chapter Forty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Purchase, Marking and Liberating of Seed Lobsters.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 45, § 36, relating to purchase of lobsters with eggs attached, by commissioner. Section thirty-six of chapter forty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section, and inserting in place thereof the following:

‘Sec. 36. Commissioner not to pay over 15 per cent above market price; lobsters to be marked and liberated in vicinity where caught; property of state. The commissioner of sea and shore fisheries may purchase at the rate of fifteen per cent above market price, lobsters with eggs attached, caught in the waters of this state. Whoever catches any lobsters with eggs attached may safely store the same in lobster cars, or traps used for that purpose only, and may keep them separate from other lobsters until such time as the commissioner or some person or persons designated by him can gather and pay for them. The commissioner or his agent shall liberate any lobsters so purchased in the vicinity where they were caught, after having marked such lobsters by punching a hole in the middle flipper. Such lobsters shall be deemed the property of the state, and, if again caught immediately be returned to the waters by the person catching them. The possession of any such marked lobster or mutilated lobster shall be deemed prima facie evidence of violation of this chapter. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined fifty dollars.’

Sec. 2. Inconsistent statutes repealed. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 7, 1917.