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Chapter 124.

An Act Prohibiting Weighers of Coal, Hay, Straw, Junk and Other Articles and Measurers of Wood, Bark or Charcoal from giving Certificates of Weight or Measure until they have Qualified for the Faithful Performance of the Duties of their Offices.

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

Weighers and measurers not to give certificate of weight or measure until qualified; penalty. It shall be unlawful for any weigher of coal, hay, straw, junk or other articles offered to be weighed, or for any measurer of wood, bark or charcoal to give a certificate of weight or measure until said weigher or measurer shall have qualified by taking oath for the faithful performance of the duties of his office. Whoever violates the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars or more than twenty-five dollars for each offense and trial justices and municipal courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the supreme judicial court of all prosecutions for violations of this act.

Approved March 28, 1919.

Chapter 125.

An Act to Amend Section Three of Chapter Two Hundred and Fifty-three of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to the Collection of Delinquent Taxes.

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

1917, c. 253, § 3; relating to the sale of personal property in unorganized places for taxes, amended. Section three of chapter two hundred and fifty-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the following words in lines eleven and twelve: "under such conditions as may be determined by the board of state assessors", and inserting therefor the following: 'When the time for the payment of the tax to the treasurer of state has expired, and it is unpaid, the treasurer of state shall give notice thereof to the delinquent property owner, and unless such tax shall be paid within sixty days, the treasurer of state may issue his warrant to the sheriff of the county, requiring him to levy by distress and sale upon the personal property of said property owner, and the sheriff or his deputy shall execute such warrants,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 3. Process to be employed when time for payment has expired. 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 author-

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ized 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. When the time for the payment of the tax to the treasurer of state has expired, and it is unpaid, the treasurer of state shall give notice thereof to the delinquent property owner, and unless such tax shall be paid within sixty days, the treasurer of state may issue his warrant to the sheriff of the county, requiring him to levy by distress and sale upon the personal property of said property owner, and the sheriff or his deputy shall execute such warrants, 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.'

Approved March 29, 1919.

Chapter 126.

An Act for Better Protection against Adulterated, Misbranded or Inferior Commercial Fertilizers.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 36, § 6; relating to the marking of packages of commercial fertilizer, amended. Section six of chapter thirty-six of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 6. Formula to be displayed on outside of package. Every lot or package of commercial fertilizer, which is manufactured, sold, distributed, transported, offered or exposed for sale, distribution or transportation in the state by any person shall have affixed in a conspicuous place on the outside thereof a plainly printed statement clearly and truly giving the number of net pounds in the package; the name brand or trade-mark under which the fertilizer is sold; the name and principal address of the manufacturer or importer and a chemical analysis stating the minimum percentage of nitrogen, available as plant food, present as nitrates, ammonium salts or organic nitrogen, of potash, soluble in water, of phosphoric acid in available form, soluble and reverted, and of total phosphoric acid, the constituents to be determined by the methods adopted by the association of official agricultural chemists. If the fertilizer is sold in bulk or put up in containers furnished by the purchaser, the seller shall, upon request of the purchaser, furnish the latter with a copy of the statements named in this section.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 36, § 12; relating to when goods shall be deemed to be adulterated, amended. Section twelve of said chapter thirty-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding a third clause to the third

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