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Chapter 157.

An Act to Amend Chapter One Hundred and Fifty-four of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Entitled "An Act to Provide State Aid for the Construction of Highways Extending Continuously through Three or More Towns."

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

1917, c. 154; relating to continuous highways, amended. Chapter one hundred and fifty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by adding the following:

'**Sec. 6. Towns which have received maximum assistance in one year may receive aid in succeeding years until work is completed.** Any or all towns in a group of towns described in section one of this act, which have availed themselves of the maximum amount of assistance provided in section two, may receive the benefits of this act in succeeding years until the section of road described, located in that town shall have been completed.'

Approved April 3, 1919.

Chapter 158.

An Act to Prevent and Punish the Desecration, Mutilation or Improper Use of the Flag of the United States of America, and of this State, and of any Flag, Standard, Color, Ensign or Shield Authorized by Law, and to Make Uniform the Law Relating thereto.

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

Sec. 1. Terms defined. The words flag, standard, color, ensign or shield, as used in this act, shall include any flag, standard, color, ensign or shield, or copy, picture or representation thereof, made of any substance or represented or produced thereon, and of any size, evidently purporting to be such flag, standard, color, ensign or shield of the United States or of this state, or a copy, picture or representation thereof.

Sec. 2. Prohibition as to display of U. S. flag. No person shall, in any manner, for exhibition or display:

(a) place or cause to be placed any word, figure, mark, picture, design, drawing or advertisement of any nature upon any flag, standard, color, ensign or shield of the United States or of this state, or authorized by any law of the United States or of this state; or

(b) expose to public view any such flag, standard, color, ensign or shield upon which shall have been printed, painted or otherwise produced, or to which shall have been attached, appended, affixed or annexed any such word, figure, mark, picture, design, drawing or advertisement; or

(c) expose to public view for sale, manufacture, or otherwise, or to sell, give or have in possession for sale, for gift or for use for any purpose,

any substance, being an article of merchandise, or receptacle, or thing for holding or carrying merchandise, upon or to which shall have been produced or attached any such flag, standard, color, ensign or shield, in order to advertise, call attention to, decorate, mark or distinguish such article or substance.

Sec. 3. Flag not to be mutilated. No person shall publicly mutilate, deface, defile, defy, trample upon, or by word or act cast contempt upon any such flag, standard, color, ensign or shield.

Sec. 4. Not to apply in certain cases. This statute shall not apply to any act permitted by the statutes of the United States (or of this state), or by the United States Army and Navy regulations, nor shall it apply to any printed or written document or production, stationery, ornament, picture or jewelry whereon shall be depicted said flag, standard, color, ensign or shield with no design or words thereon and disconnected with any advertisement.

Sec. 5. Penalty for violation. Any violation of section two of this act shall be a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars. Any violation of section three of this act shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 6. Inconsistent statutes repealed. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. Law made uniform. This act shall be so construed as to effectuate its general purpose and to make uniform the laws of the states which enact it.

Sec. 8. Denomination. This act may be cited as the Uniform Flag Law.

Approved April 3, 1919.

Chapter 159.

An Act Additional to Chapter Forty-eight of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the State Sealer of Weights and Measures.

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

Sec. 1. Scales and weighing devices not to be sold until standard approved. It shall be unlawful to sell, offer for sale or give away any scale or other weighing or measuring device until a scale or measuring device of the same manufacture, type and kind shall have been approved by the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C., and until a certificate