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Sec. 2. Inconsistent statutes repealed. Section fifty-two of said chapter sixty-four as amended and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 4, 1919.

Chapter 172.

An Act Amendatory of and Additional to Chapter One Hundred and Ninety-seven of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, and Chapter Three Hundred and One of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to the State Department of Health.

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

Sec. 1. 1917, c. 197, § 8; relating to annual appropriation for state department of health, amended. Section eight of chapter one hundred and ninety-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the word "thirty" in the first line thereof and inserting in place thereof the word 'thirty-eight'; also by striking out the words "state department of health" in the second and third lines of said section and by inserting in place thereof the words 'for the purposes set forth in sections one to six inclusive and section seven of said act', so that, as amended, said section shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 8. Annual appropriation for purposes of seven preceding sections increased to \$38,000.** The sum of thirty-eight thousand dollars shall be annually appropriated for the purposes set forth in sections one to six inclusive and section seven of said act.'

Sec. 2. 1917, c. 197, § 10; repealing inconsistent statutes and relating to penalties, amended. Chapter one hundred and ninety-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the whole of section ten thereof and by adding to said chapter the following sections, to read as follows:

'**Sec. 10. Municipalities required to employ local health officer; state commissioner to appoint in case of failure; state aid under certain circumstances.** Every city, town and organized plantation shall employ an official who shall be known as the local health officer and who shall be appointed by the officers of the municipality subject to the approval of the state commissioner of health. Upon the failure to fill said office as hereinbefore stated within thirty days after a vacancy occurs therein the state commissioner of health may appoint said official. The local health officer shall be ex-officio a member and the executive officer of the local board of health, or at the option of the municipal officers, may take the place of the local board of health. He may be employed to devote a part or all of his time to the performance of the duties of his office. If em-

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ployed to give his entire time and if he possesses the qualifications of a district health officer as stated in section six hereof, or is approved by the state health commissioner on the basis of experience in public health administration, the state department of health is authorized and directed to pay from money appropriated to said department of health for said purpose one-third of the total salary of said official, not to exceed eight hundred dollars a year, payment to be made directly by the state to said local health officer.'

'**Sec. 11. Municipalities may combine into districts; state aid.** Subject to the approval of the state health commissioner, several adjoining towns, cities, or organized plantations may unite in employing the same local health officer who shall possess the qualifications of a district health officer as stated in section six hereof, or is approved by the state health commissioner on the basis of experience in public health administration, shall devote his entire time to the performance of his duties and shall receive one-third of his salary, not to exceed eight hundred dollars a year, from the state.'

'**Sec. 12. Duties of local health officers.** Said local health officers shall assist in the reporting, prevention and suppression of diseases and all conditions dangerous to health, and shall be subject to the supervision and direction of the state department of health.'

'**Sec. 13. Local boards under control of state department.** The powers vested in local boards of health by authority of section forty-five of chapter nineteen of the revised statutes shall be exercised under the control and direction of the state department of health.'

'**Sec. 14. State department to promulgate rules and regulations; in case of epidemics.** The state department of health shall from time to time make and publish such orders and regulations as they shall think necessary and proper for the protection of life and health and the successful operation of the health laws of this state, which said orders and regulations shall be published in such manner as said department of health directs. In case of emergency or threatened epidemic of disease which may affect more than one city, town, or plantation, the state department of health, if it shall appear to them necessary and proper for the protection of life and health, may make such further orders and regulations as in their opinion the public exigency may require.'

'**Sec. 15. Penalties and jurisdiction.** Whoever violates any provision of the preceding sections, or any order or regulation made thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars for each offense. Municipal and police courts and trial justices shall have jurisdiction of all offenses under this act.'

'Sec. 16. \$30,000 appropriated annually for provisions of §§ 6, 10, 11, 12 and 13. The sum of thirty thousand dollars shall be appropriated annually to the state department of health for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections six, ten, eleven, twelve and thirteen.'

'Sec. 17. Inconsistent acts repealed; penalties in force. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, but it is expressly provided that all penalties now provided by law for the violation of the public health laws and regulations shall continue in force.'

'Sec. 18. Supplemental sections relative to local health officers, etc., not effective until Jan. 1st, 1920. Section two of this act shall take effect January first, nineteen hundred and twenty.'

Sec. 3. 1917, c. 301, supplemental to R. S., c. 19; relating to appropriation for suppression of venereal diseases, amended. Chapter nineteen of the revised statutes, as amended by section one hundred and thirty-one of chapter three hundred and one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the word "appropriated" in the second and third lines of said section and by inserting in place thereof the words 'the sum of eight thousands dollars annually', so that, as amended, said section shall read as follows:

'Sec. 131. \$8,000 appropriated annually. For the purpose of enabling the state board of health to carry out the provisions of this act there is hereby appropriated the sum of eight thousand dollars annually.'

Approved April 4, 1919.

Chapter 173.

An Act to Provide for the Registration of Resident Hunters.

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

Sec. 1. Resident hunters to be registered; term defined; exceptions. No resident of this state shall hunt in any manner, at any time, or pursue, take, catch, kill, destroy or have in possession, within the limits of this state, any wild animals or wild birds without having first procured a certificate of registration therefor as hereinafter provided, and then only during the respective seasons when it shall be lawful, and subject to all other provisions of chapter thirty-three of the revised statutes; provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting in any way the provisions of the statutes relating to trespass, nor shall the possession of such certificate grant or confer any privilege not enjoyed prior to the passage of this act, nor shall the provisions of this act be construed as