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cannot read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language and every child between the fifteenth and sixteenth anniversaries who has not completed the sixth grade of the elementary school, shall attend some public day school during the time such school is in session, and an absence therefrom of one-half day or more shall be deemed a violation of this requirement; provided, that necessary absence may be excused by the superintending school committee or superintendent of schools or teachers acting by the direction of either; provided, also, that such attendance shall not be required if the child obtained equivalent instruction, for a like period of time, in a private school in which the course of study and methods of instruction have been approved by the state superintendent of public schools, or in any other manner arranged for by the superintending school committee with the approval of the state superintendent of public schools; provided, further, that children shall not be credited with attendance at a private school until a certificate showing their names, residence and attendance at such school signed by the person or persons having such school in charge, shall be filed with the school officials of the town in which said children reside; and provided, further, that the superintending school committee may exclude from the public schools any child whose physical or mental condition makes it inexpedient for him to attend. All persons having children under their control shall cause them to attend school as provided in this section, and for every neglect of such duty shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars or shall be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.'

Approved February 25, 1921.

Chapter 6.

An Act to Amend Section Sixteen of Chapter Twenty of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Inspection of Records of Poisons Sold by Druggists.

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

R. S., c. 20, § 16; relating to the sale of poisonous drugs without prescription, amended. Section sixteen of chapter twenty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting the words 'any inland fish and game warden, or by,' after the word "by," in the thirteenth line of said section, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 16. Record of sale open to inspection by inland fish and game wardens. Whoever sells arsenic, arsenious acid, atropia, or any of its salts, chloral hydrate, chloroform, cotton root and its fluid extract, Fowler's solution, corrosive sublimate, cyanide of potassium, Donovan's solution, ergot and its fluid extract, sugar of lead, oil of savin, oil of tansy,

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Parson's vermin exterminator, phosphorus, prussic acid, Rough on Rats, strychnia or any of its salts, tartar emetic, tincture of aconite, tincture of belladonna, tincture of digitalis, tincture of nux vomica, tincture of veratrum viride, crystals of carbolic acid or a strong solution of carbolic acid, without the written prescription of a physician shall keep a record of such sales, the name and quantity of the article sold and the name and residence of the person or persons to whom it was delivered, which record shall be made before the article was delivered and shall be open to inspection by any member of the board of commissioners of pharmacy, or by any inland fish and game warden, or by the police authorities and the officers of cities and towns. Whoever neglects to keep or refuses to show to said officers such record shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars. Whoever sells any of the poisonous articles named in this section without the written prescription of a physician, shall affix to the bottle, box or wrapper containing the article sold a label of red paper, upon which shall be printed in large letters the word "poison," and also the word "antidote," and the name and place of business of the vendor. The name of an antidote, if there be any, for the poison sold, shall also be upon the label. Every neglect to affix such label to such poisonous article sold before the delivery thereof to the purchaser shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars. Whoever purchases poisons as aforesaid and gives a false or fictitious name to the vendor shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars. But nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to wholesale dealers or to manufacturing chemists in their sales to retail trade, nor to the general merchant, nor to a firm or corporation in trade, who may sell in unbroken packages prepared by the manufacturers, Paris green, London purple or other poisonous preparations or compounds used for the destruction of bugs, beetles, insects, slugs, grubs, caterpillars or worms. Upon each and every package so sold shall be printed in large letters the word "poison." Every neglect to affix such label with the word "poison" thereon to such poisonous article before the delivery thereof to the purchaser shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars.'

Approved February 28, 1921.

Chapter 7.

An Act Amendatory of Section Seven, of Chapter One Hundred and Seventeen of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Twenty-six of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, Relating to Compensation of Judges upon Retirement.

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

R. S., c. 117, § 7; 1919, c. 226; relating to compensation of judges upon retirement, amended. Section seven of chapter one hundred