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Chapter 32.

An Act to Prohibit Advertisements of Cures or Medicines Relating to Venereal Diseases and Certain Sexual Disorders.

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

Sec. 1. No person to publish or cause to be published any notices or advertisements for cure of venereal diseases. It shall be unlawful for any person to publish or cause to be published, to deliver or distribute or cause to be delivered or distributed in any manner whatsoever, or to post, or display, or to permit to be posted, displayed, or to remain on any buildings, windows, or out-houses, or premises, or other surface owned or controlled by him in this state, or to have displayed in or on any window or place where the same could be read by passers-by or the public, any advertisement, label, statement, print, or writing which refers to any person or persons from whom, or to any means by which, or to any office or place at which, may be obtained any treatment or cure for syphilis, gonorrhoea, chancroid, lost manhood, sexual weakness, lost vitality, impotency, seminal emissions, gleet, varicocele, or self-abuse, whether described by such names, words, terms or phrases, or by any other names, words, terms or phrases, calculated or intended to convey to the reader the idea that any of said diseases, infirmities, disabilities, conditions or habits are meant or referred to, or which refers to any medicine, article, device, or preparation that may be used for the treatment, cure, or prevention of any of the diseases, infirmities, disabilities, conditions or habits mentioned in this act.

Sec. 2. Definition of word "person." The word "person" as used herein, shall mean and include natural persons, co-partnerships, corporations and associations, and shall include persons of both sexes.

Sec. 3. Not to apply to United States, state or municipal governments or to public officers. This act shall not apply to publications, advertisements, or notices of the United States government, the State of Maine, or of any city, town or plantation in said state, or of any public official, department or agency of this state, charged with the enforcement of its health laws.

Sec. 4. Penalty for violation. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than three months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Approved March 17, 1921.

Chapter 33.

An Act for the Improvement of Sanitary Conditions in School Building Toilets.

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

Sec. 1. Towns to maintain clean and sanitary toilets in all buildings used for school purposes. In order to safeguard the health

and morals of the children of the state, towns shall from their regular appropriations for schoolhouse repairs, or from special appropriations for the purposes of this act, provide and maintain sanitary, protected and clean toilets free from all obscene markings in all school buildings or in other buildings rented or used for school purposes.

Sec. 2. Requirements in construction that must be met. On and after the first day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, all school buildings or buildings used for school purposes shall be provided with toilet facilities that shall be installed in such manner and location as to insure privacy, cleanliness and supervision by teachers and that shall meet at least one of the following minimum requirements:

(a) **Flush closets.** Flush water closets connected with sewer, filter bed, septic tanks or protected cesspool with separate compartments for the sexes, accessible only by separate passageways from school rooms or corridors.

(b) **Chemical closets.** Chemical closets, of such types and manufacture as shall be approved by the state superintendent of public schools, with separate compartments for the sexes accessible only by separate passageways from school rooms or corridors.

(c) **Privies.** Privies located in attached buildings provided with separate compartments for the sexes, accessible only by separate ventilated passageways from school rooms or corridors and constructed in such a manner that the vault of said privy shall be at least ten feet from the nearest school room wall and adjacent to the outside wall of the building in which said privy is located.

Sec. 3. State superintendent of schools to furnish plans for privies and chemical closets. The state superintendent of public schools shall furnish to superintending school committees or building committees plans for privies of approved type, lists of chemical toilets of approved type and manufacture and such other information and material as may assist said committees in complying with the provisions of this act.

Sec. 4. School committees to make provisions for cleaning vaults; shall make annual inspection and shall report to town changes needed; school money to be withheld when the town fails to meet the requirements. Superintending school committees shall make provision for the cleaning of vaults and tanks and the repair and upkeep of accessories. Said committees shall annually cause an inspection to be made of sanitary conditions in school buildings and shall cause to be reported to the town such construction, reconstruction or repairs necessary to meet the conditions of this act and any town failing

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to meet the said conditions through neglect of its superintending school committee or neglect to appropriate funds for the purpose shall be liable to the penalties of section nineteen of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes.

Approved March 17, 1921.

Chapter 34.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-six of Chapter One Hundred and Four of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Admission to Bail.

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

R. S., c. 104, § 36; relating to admission to bail before commitment, amended. Section thirty-six of Chapter one hundred and four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "on criminal process" in the first and second lines thereof and by inserting after the word "bailable" in the second line thereof the word 'criminal,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 36. Made to read "for a bailable criminal offense" instead of "under arrest on criminal process."** Any person under arrest for a bailable criminal offense, may, before commitment to jail, if he so requests, be taken by the officer having him in charge, before such commissioner who may inquire into the case and admit him to bail. And any person arrested on the Lord's Day, or on the afternoon or evening preceding, for a bailable offense, may be admitted to bail on that day by such commissioner.'

Approved March 17, 1921.

Chapter 35.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-five of Chapter Fifty-two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Payments of Deposits upon Liquidation of Savings Banks.

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

R. S., c. 52, § 55; relating to powers and duties of commissioners upon the decree of sequestration of the funds of a savings bank, amended. Section fifty-five of chapter fifty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following: 'provided, however, that whenever any such unclaimed fund is in an amount less than two hundred dollars, the claimant thereto may make application to any justice of the supreme judicial court who may after identification to him satisfactory, issue an order under the seal of the supreme judicial