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special or general demurrers are filed shall be governed by the statutes and rules applicable to similar proceedings in the supreme judicial court.

Approved March 20, 1923.

Chapter 61.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred and Twenty-nine of Chapter Three Hundred and One of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to the Care and Treatment of Certain Infectious Diseases.

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

P. L., 1917, c. 301, sec. 129; relating to treatment of persons afflicted with venereal disease who are inmates of charitable and correctional institutions, amended. Section one hundred and twenty-nine 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 following the word "observed" in the twelfth line thereof, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 129. Provision for holding inmates for treatment after expiration of sentence, eliminated. Any inmate of any state, county or municipal charitable or correctional institution, or any dependent child supported or partially supported by public funds, afflicted or suspected of being afflicted with venereal disease, shall forthwith be placed under medical treatment, and, if in the opinion of the attending physician, it is necessary, shall be isolated until danger of contagion is passed. Such case shall be immediately reported to the state board of health in accordance with the latter's rules and regulations, provided that such rules and regulations shall not require information disclosing the identity of any dependent or delinquent child, and the rules and regulations of the state board of health for the examination, testing and treatment of cases of venereal disease shall be faithfully observed.'

Approved March 19, 1923.

Chapter 62.

An Act to Promote the Production and Sale of Certified Seed and to Protect the Branding Thereof, and Repealing Chapter One Hundred and Forty-one of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen.

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

Sec. 1. Certified seed, defined. The term certified seed as used in this act shall be deemed to mean such vegetable seeds as shall have been grown and prepared for sale in accordance with regulations laid down by the commissioner of agriculture.

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Sec. 2. Application for certification; agreement regarding payment of fee for inspection. Any grower of potatoes or other vegetable seeds may make application to the commissioner of agriculture for inspection and certification of this crop growing or to be grown in this state, giving description of his land and such information as the commissioner may require. He shall also enter into an agreement to pay such fee into the treasury of state for said inspection and certification as the commissioner shall deem necessary to cover the cost of inspection and certification. Thereupon his crops shall be listed for inspection and inspected and certified by the commissioner or his agents under such rules and regulations as the commissioner may provide.

Sec. 3. Fee for inspection and certification, how determined. In determining the amount of the fee to be paid by the growers of potatoes or other vegetable seeds for inspection and certification under this act, the commissioner of agriculture may establish an entry charge not to exceed fifty cents on each acre of potatoes or other vegetable for which such inspection and certification is requested, but in the case of potatoes which shall be found to be unfit for certification, the amount of such entry fee shall not exceed the actual cost of labor performed by the commissioner or his agents upon such potatoes, nor shall the charge for labor so performed upon such potatoes as shall be found unfit for certification exceed the above named amount of fifty cents per acre, and in the case of potatoes which shall be accepted and certified the commissioner shall establish a fee for field inspection not to exceed two dollars and fifty cents per acre inclusive of entry charge and also a supplementary charge of five cents for each barrel of potatoes which shall be finally accepted, certified and sold as certified seed as defined in this act.

Sec. 4. Commissioner of agriculture to issue certificate; contents of certificate. The commissioner of agriculture may issue a certificate or tag which shall be attached to each container or package in which certified seed shall be offered or exposed for sale. Such tag or certificate shall indicate the name of the grower, the shipping station or depot, the name of the inspector making the final inspection, the variety of the seed, and shall bear the imprint of the seal of the State of Maine.

Sec. 5. Penalty for misuse of certificate or attaching same to uninspected seed. Any person who shall knowingly or wilfully misuse any such tag or certificate or who shall attach to any package or container of seed which has not been duly inspected and certified, any imitation of such tag or certificate for the purpose of conveying the impression that such seed has been certified by the commissioner or his agents, shall be pun-

ished by a fine of fifty dollars for each offense and by being thenceforth denied the privileges of this act.

Sec. 6. P. L., 1917, c. 141; repealed. Chapter one hundred and forty-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby repealed.

Approved March 20, 1923.

Chapter 63.

An Act to Amend Chapter Sixty-nine of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-one. Relating to the Fiscal Year of the State.

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

P. L., 1921, c. 69, sec. 2; relating to submitting of reports by departments for fiscal year, amended. Section two of chapter sixty-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: 'Provided, however, that this section shall apply to the state highway commission only so far as it relates to a report of its fiscal affairs and the report of its highway and bridge construction and maintenance work shall be for and cover the calendar year next prior to the date of such report which shall be transmitted to the secretary of state on or before the thirty-first day of December in each year,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 2. State highway commission to submit report of highway and bridge construction for calendar years. All departments now required by law to submit an annual or biennial report shall, beginning July first, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, submit such report annually or biennially as required by law for the fiscal year or years, defined above. Provided, however, that each department required to make an annual report shall on July first, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, submit a report for the eighteen months beginning January first, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and ending on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, and each department required to make a biennial report shall on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, submit a report for the eighteen months beginning January first, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twenty-two. Provided, however, that this section shall apply to the state highway commission only so far as it relates to a report of its fiscal affairs and the report of its highway and bridge construction and maintenance work shall be for and cover the calendar year next prior to the date of such report which shall be transmitted to the secretary of state on or before the thirty-first day of December in each year.'

Approved March 21, 1923.