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AS PASSED BY THE

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Chapter 136.

An Act to Amend Section Two of Chapter Thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Traveling Circuses.

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

R. S., c. 32, sec. 2; relating to granting licenses for public amusements, amended. Section two of chapter thirty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: 'No traveling circus shall advertise or exhibit any parade, show or entertainment in this state without first paying a state license of five hundred dollars for each calendar year. Application for such license shall be made to the secretary of state and shall contain the name of the person or corporation owning or operating said traveling circus and a statement of the proposed territory within the limits of said state and the names of the cities and towns in which said traveling circus is to exhibit. Upon the payment of the sum of five hundred dollars, a license shall issue.

The advertising and exhibiting of any parade, show or entertainment of any traveling circus without first taking out such license shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and the person, persons, firm or corporation owning or controlling such traveling circus, or the manager or officer in charge thereof within the state shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Municipal, superior or supreme judicial courts in the counties where such traveling circus advertises and exhibits or parades shall have jurisdiction over said offense,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Traveling circuses to obtain a state license; application to be made to secretary of state; license fee; penalty; jurisdiction of courts over offense. The municipal officers of towns may grant licenses for any of the foregoing exhibitions or performances therein, on receiving for their town such sum as they deem proper; twenty-four hours being allowed for each exhibition or performance; and they shall prosecute, by complaint for the use of their town, all violators of the preceding section. No traveling circus shall advertise or exhibit any parade, show or entertainment in this state without first paying a state license of five hundred dollars for each calendar year. Application for such license shall be made to the secretary of state and shall contain the name of the person or corporation owning or operating said traveling circus and a statement of the proposed territory within the limits of said state and the names of the cities and towns in which said traveling circus is to exhibit. Upon the payment of the sum of five hundred dollars, a license shall issue.

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Approved March 31, 1923.

Chapter 137.

An Act to Expedite Highway and Bridge Construction Work Under Legislative Appropriations.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the season for road work in the state of Maine begins about April fifteenth, and

Whereas, appropriations made by the legislature for road work are not available until the beginning of the fiscal year, on July first, and

Whereas, between April fifteenth and July first, road work can be done more advantageously, economically and with less inconvenience to the traveling public than at any other time, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section sixteen of article thirty-one of the constitution of the state of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Towns having money to become available from state for road or bridge work at beginning of a fiscal year may anticipate expenditure. Any town to which under any legislative enactment or resolve money will become available for road and bridge work at the beginning of the fiscal year, may, on or at any time after April fifteenth preceding the commencement of the fiscal year for which such appropriation is made, anticipate the expenditure of any appropriation for repair or improvement of a highway or bridge, by arranging to finance such work from funds of the town, or otherwise, prior to the date when such appropriation will become available.

Sec. 2. State auditor authorized to approve bills created under provisions of sec. 1. The state auditor is hereby authorized to approve any