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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Eighty-first Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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## CHAP. 164

States circuit court in this state. One copy of the laws passed by each session of the legislature shall be sent to each member and officer thereof.

Upon request of the administrative officer thereof one copy of any future compilation or revision of the statutes or of the laws passed by any legislature shall be given to each state department or institution. One copy shall also be sent to each town or city in which there is a free public library, if so requested by the selectmen of the town or the mayor of the city.

The remaining copies of the laws shall be held in the library for exchange or sale.

**Sec. 3. Existing statutes modified.** This act shall take the place of all heretofore existing provisions of law relating to the distribution of Maine Reports, revised statutes or laws.

Approved April 4, 1923.

## Chapter 164.

An Act Relating to the Incontestable Clause in Life Insurance Policies.

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

'Life insurance policies incontestable after two years; exceptions. That the policy of insurance together with the application and the medical examination therefor, a copy or photograph of which application without the medical examination shall be endorsed upon or attached to the policy and made a part thereof, shall constitute the entire contract between the parties and shall be incontestable after it shall have been in force during the life time of the insured for two years from its date, except for non-payment of premiums and except for violations of the policy relating to the naval or military service in time of war and at the option of the company provisions relative to benefits in the event of total and permanent disability and provisions which grant additional insurance specifically against death by accident may also be excepted.'

Approved April 4, 1923.

## Chapter 165.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-three of Chapter Fifty-one of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Corporations.

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

R. S., c. 51, sec. 33; relating to when corporations may be excused from filing returns, amended. Section thirty-three of chapter fifty-one of the

revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "business" in the second line the words 'and that it is not indebted to the state on account of franchise taxes,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 33. Not to be excused until franchise taxes are paid. The attorney general, upon application by any corporation, and satisfactory proof that it has ceased to transact business, and that it is not indebted to the state on account of franchise taxes, shall file a certificate of the fact with the secretary of state, and shall give a duplicate certificate to the corporation; and thereupon such corporation shall be excused from filing annual returns with the secretary of state.'

Approved April 4, 1923.

## Chapter 166.

An Act to Provide for the Reading of the Bible in the Public Schools.

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

Readings from the scriptures in public schools; no sectarian comment or teaching. To insure greater security in the faith of our fathers, to inculcate into the lives of the rising generation the spiritual values necessary to the well being of our and future civilizations, to develop those high moral and religious principles essential to human happiness, to make available to the youth of our land the book which has been the inspiration of the greatest masterpieces of literature, art and music, and which have been the strength of the great men and women of the Christian era, there shall be, in all the public schools of the state, daily or at suitable intervals, readings, from the scriptures with special emphasis upon the Ten Commandments, the Psalms of David, the Proverbs of Solomon, the Sermon on the Mount and the Lord's Prayer. It is provided further, that there shall be no denominational or sectarian comment or teaching and each student shall give respectful attention but shall be free in his own forms of worship.

Approved April 4, 1923.

## Chapter 167.

An Act to Amend Sections Twenty, Twenty-seven and Twenty-eight of Chapter One Hundred and Twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Ninety-one of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to Intoxicating Liquors.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 127, sec. 20; P. L., 1917, c. 291; relating to transport-