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for the purpose of making a record, thereby violating the speed regulations, or whoever goes away without stopping and making himself known after causing injury to any person or property, or uses a motor vehicle without authority from its owner, shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or by both fine and imprisonment; and if any person be convicted the second time for a violation of this section, he shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars and not more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than eleven months, or both.'

Approved April 3, 1925.

Chapter 125.

An Act Relating to Smelt Fishing.

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

P. L., 1923, c. 27; relating to regulation of smelt fishing, repealed. Chapter twenty-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three is hereby repealed.

Approved April 3, 1925.

Chapter 126.

An Act Relating to Old, Diseased or Disabled Animals.

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

R. S., c. 126, sec. 60; relating to proceedings for destroying old, diseased and disabled animals, amended. Section sixty of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "fixed" in the sixth line of said section the words, 'If the owner cannot be found by reasonable diligence or is out of the state, although resident therein, a copy of such application and order of court shall be left at his last and usual place of abode,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Sec. 60. If owner of animal cannot be found service may be made by leaving copy of court order at last and usual place of abode. Such officer or agent may take possession of any old, maimed, disabled, diseased or injured animal, and apply to any municipal or police court or trial justice for process to cause the same to be destroyed. If the owner is known, a copy of such application shall be served upon him in hand with an order of court to appear at a time and place named, to show cause why such

animal should not be destroyed, and its value fixed. If the owner cannot be found by reasonable diligence or is out of the state, although resident therein, a copy of such application and order of court shall be left at his last and usual place of abode. If the owner is not known, then the court shall order notices to be posted in two public and conspicuous places in the town, stating the case in substance, and giving forty-eight hours' notice of a hearing thereon. At such hearing if it appears that such animal is old, maimed, disabled, diseased or injured, and is unfit for use, the court shall determine the value of such animal, and shall issue process directing the officer to destroy the same. The defendant may appeal as in a civil action, but before such appeal shall be allowed, the defendant shall give sufficient security to said officer, to be approved by the court, to pay all the expenses for the care and support of such animal pending such appeal.'

Approved April 3, 1925.

Chapter 127.

An Act Relating to Kindergartens as Part of the Common School Course.

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

R. S., c. 16, sec. 30; P. L., 1917, c. 134; relating to school age and kindergartens as part of common school course, amended. Section thirty of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "training" in line twenty-three thereof the words, 'or its equivalent,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 30. Kindergarten teachers shall have two years course in kindergarten training or its equivalent. The age of pupils allowed to attend the public schools of the state is hereby fixed between the ages of five and twenty-one years; and every child between the said ages shall have the right to attend the public schools in the town in which his parent or guardian has a legal residence, subject to such reasonable regulations as to the numbers and qualifications of pupils to be admitted to the respective schools and as to other school matters as the superintending school committee shall from time to time prescribe; provided, however, that the superintending school committee of any city or town may, and upon the filing with the municipal officers of such city or town of a petition not less than one month before the annual town meeting by the parents or guardians of thirty or more children between four and six years of age living within a mile of a public elementary school, shall, unless otherwise instructed