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## Chapter 32.

An Act Relating to Precautions at Temporary Crossings.

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

R. S., c. 56, sec. 69; relating to precautions at temporary railroad crossings. Section sixty-nine of chapter fifty-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "team" wherever it appears in said section the words 'or vehicle' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 69. All vehicles to stop, look and listen before crossing. No team or vehicle shall be driven over any such crossing unless such team or vehicle shall first be stopped at the line of the railroad right of way and the driver thereof shall look and listen, and such driver or some other person for him shall go upon such crossing, ahead of such team or vehicle, and be satisfied that such team or vehicle may safely be driven over such crossing. Nothing in this section shall prevent the public utilities commission from making such further regulations for safety at any such crossing established under their direction, as they may deem expedient or necessary.'

Approved March 28, 1927.

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## Chapter 33.

An Act Relating to the Establishment of Town Forests.

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

Sec. 1. Municipalities may acquire lands for forestry purposes; forest commissioner to furnish seedlings. Cities and towns may acquire by purchase, gift or bequest lands for the purpose of forestation, and may reclaim and plant such lands. The forest commissioner shall, upon application in such form as he may prescribe, furnish said cities and towns, at cost, with seedlings or transplants for the planting of town forest lands, and shall be ready to offer advice as to the planting, management, and protection of said forest lands.

Sec. 2. Two-thirds vote required to authorize purchase land; purposes of forest. A town, by a two-thirds vote at any annual town meeting, or a city, by a two-thirds vote of the city government, may determine to purchase lands which shall be known as the town or city forest, and may appropriate money and accept gifts of money and land therefor. Such forest shall be devoted to the culture of forest trees, or to the preservation of the water supply of such city or town.

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**Sec. 3. May appoint a forester; his duties.** In each city or town which has a town forest as defined hereinbefore, the town or city manager in such towns or cities as are under the manager system, or elsewhere the mayor or selectmen, may appoint a forester whose duty it shall be to make and enforce all necessary regulations, and to perform such labor therein as may be necessary for the proper care and maintenance of such land as a forest producing area. Said forester need not be a resident of the town or city in which he is appointed, but he and such deputies as he may appoint shall have the powers of constables and police officers while in said forest.

**Sec. 4. Building may be leased or erected.** Any city or town owning such forest area may lease any building thereon, and may erect thereon any building for public instruction and recreation.

**Sec. 5. Payment of bills; disposition of revenue.** No expenditures shall be made or bills incurred above the amounts appropriated for said specific items, and all expenditures must have the approval of city or town officers appointing said forester. All receipts from said forest or buildings thereon shall go into the general revenue of town or city owning said forest.

**Sec. 6. Lands acquired may be sold or exchanged; exception; highways may be located.** When in the judgment of the forester, and with the approval of the city council, or by vote of town meeting, land acquired under this act may be sold or exchanged and in like manner, rights of way for public highways granted, if it shall be deemed of advantage to the town. Provided, that the power of sale or exchange herein granted shall not apply to lands given for memorial purposes.

Approved March 28, 1927.

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## Chapter 34.

An Act Relating to Investment of Savings Deposits.

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

P. L., 1923, c. 144, sec. 27, sub-sec. II; relating to investments of savings banks in obligations of states, amended. Subdivision II of section twenty-seven of chapter one hundred forty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting in place thereof the following: