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Chapter 87.

An Act Relating to Requiring Children Between Certain Ages to Attend School Unless Excused or Excluded by the Committee.

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

R. S., c. 16, sec. 66; relating to compulsory school attendance, amended. Section sixty-six of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out after the words "completed the" in line six the word "sixth" and inserting in its place the word 'eighth' and by adding at the close of the section the following: 'provided, further, that a child between the ages of fourteen and sixteen who, because of sub-normal mental capacity, is unable to successfully pass the tests necessary to allow a regular work permit to be issued, may under conditions deemed proper receive a work permit issued jointly by the commissioner of education and the commissioner of labor, such persons to be employed in non-hazardous occupations.' so that section sixty-six shall read as follows:

'Sec. 66. Must have completed studies of eighth grade; a sub-normal child may be excused from tests required to obtain work permit. Every child between the seventh and fifteenth anniversaries of his birth and every child between the fifteenth and seventeenth anniversaries who cannot read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language and every child between the fifteenth and sixteenth anniversaries who has not completed the eighth grade of the elementary school, shall attend some public day school during the time such school is in session, and an absence therefrom of one-half day or more shall be deemed a violation of this requirement; provided, that necessary absence may be excused by the superintending school committee or superintendent of schools or teachers acting by the direction of either; provided, also, that such attendance shall not be required if the child obtained equivalent instruction, for a like period of time, in a private school in which the course of study and methods of instruction have been approved by the state superintendent of public schools, or in any other manner arranged for by the superintending school committee with the approval of the state superintendent of public schools; provided, further, that children shall not be credited with attendance at a private school until a certificate showing their names, residence and attendance at such school signed by the person or persons having such school in charge, shall be filed with the school officials of the town in which said children reside; and provided, further, that the superintending school committee may exclude from the public schools any child whose physical or mental condition makes it inexpedient for him to attend. All persons having children under their control shall cause them to attend school as provided in this section, and for every

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neglect of such duty shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars, or shall be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days; provided, further, that a child between the ages of fourteen and sixteen who, because of sub-normal mental capacity, is unable to successfully pass the tests necessary to allow a regular work permit to be issued, may under conditions deemed proper receive a work permit issued jointly by the commissioner of education and the commissioner of labor, such persons to be employed in non-hazardous occupations.'

Approved April 6, 1927.

Chapter 88.

An Act Relating to Application for License to Build or Extend Wharves and Fish Weirs.

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

R. S., c. 4, sec. 121; P. L., 1921, c. 135; 1923, cc. 85 and 127; 1925, c. 180; relating to application for license to build or extend wharves and fish weirs, proceedings, bond, etc., amended. Section one hundred and twenty-one of chapter four of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and thirty-five of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, chapter eighty-five and chapter one hundred and twenty-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and chapter one hundred and eighty of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-five, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "in the newspaper, published in the county, which is nearest the municipality in which the proposed wharf or weir is to be located" in the eighth and ninth lines thereof, and inserting in the place thereof the words 'if there be no newspaper published in the municipality, in a newspaper published within the county,' and by striking out the word "wharf" in the eighteenth line thereof, and by inserting after the word "described" in the twenty-first line thereof the words 'said municipal officers shall, within three days after the date of the hearing, give written notice of their decision to all parties interested,' and by inserting after the word "fisheries" in the twenty-fourth line thereof the words 'within ten days after such written notice,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 121. Publication of notice in newspaper in municipality or in the county; notice of decision to be given in three days after hearing; aggrieved parties may appeal within ten days. Any person intending to build or extend any wharf or fish weir or trap in tide-waters, within the limits of any city or town, may apply in writing to the municipal officers thereof, stating the location, limits and boundaries, as nearly as may be, of such intended erection or extension, and asking license therefor. Upon