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tifying to the register of deeds copies of devises of real estate, the register of probate shall receive one dollar for each copy so certified, and the register of deeds one dollar for entering and recording the same, said sums to be paid by the executor or administrator when said will is proved, to the register of probate, who shall pay one dollar to the register of deeds at the time said certified copy is furnished to him; and the executor or administrator shall charge said sums in his account.'

Approved February 22, 1929.

## Chapter 6.

An Act to Amend Section Two of Chapter Two Hundred and Eight of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-five, Permitting Sterilizing Operations.

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

P. L., 1925, c. 208, sec. 2; relating to operations of vasectomy and fallectomy, amended. Section two of chapter two hundred and eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-five, is hereby amended by striking out in the eighth line thereof the words "as well as that of the nearest relative or guardian" and inserting in place thereof the following: 'or the written consent of the guardian when the patient is mentally incompetent to give such consent' and by striking out in the eighteenth line thereof the following, "or nearest relative," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Consent may be obtained of nearest relative or guardian when patient is mentally incompetent to give such consent. When either of the recognized sterilizing operations herein referred to may be indicated for the prevention of the reproduction of further feeble-mindedness, or for the therapeutic treatment of certain forms of mental disease, physicians having the custody of such cases may recommend to the nearest relative, guardian and affected individual the advisability and necessity of such operation; and when the written consent of the patient, when mentally competent to give such consent, or the written consent of the guardian, when the patient is mentally incompetent to give such consent, is given, the physician having the custody aforesaid of said case shall call a counsel of two registered medical practitioners, one a physician and one a surgeon, of not less than five years' practice and not related to the patient, whose duty it shall be in conjunction with the physician in charge of the case, to examine the individual recommended for operation. Whether the person to be operated upon is mentally capable of giving his consent shall be decided by the consultants and stated in writing, with their reasons therefor, and such written statement shall be kept on file at school

for feeble-minded and in case they find that the patient is mentally incapable of giving his consent, the consent of the guardian must be secured. If in the judgment of the consulting physicians the operation will prevent the further propagation of mental deficiency, or if in the judgment of the medical consultants the physical or mental condition of any such person will be substantially benefited thereby, then the consultants shall select a competent surgeon to perform the operation of fallocotomy or vasectomy, as the case may be, upon such person.'

Approved February 22, 1929.

## Chapter 7.

An Act to Continue the Game Sanctuary in Knox County Known as the Knox County Game Preserve.

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

**Sec. 1. Knox county game preserve continued; four years' closed time provided for.** For a period of four years from July eleven, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, no person shall, at any time, hunt, pursue, shoot at or kill any wild animal or any game or wild bird within the following described territory, situated in the city of Rockland and towns of Thomaston, Warren and Rockport, in the county of Knox, known as the Burnt Land or Bog, which territory is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at Willis Corner, so-called, on the Beechwood's road; thence westerly by the Warren Highland road to the Oyster river bridge; thence north following the course of the Oyster river to the Warren, West Rockport road; thence by said road and the Beechwood's road, easterly and southerly to Willis Corner at the point of beginning, containing approximately six thousand five hundred acres. It shall also be unlawful for any person to have in possession at any time any wild animal or any game or wild bird or part thereof taken in violation of any provision of this act.

**Sec. 2. Penalties.** Whoever violates any provision of this act shall be subject to a penalty of not less than ten nor more than three hundred dollars and costs for each offense, or imprisonment for sixty days, or both said fine and imprisonment.

Approved February 22, 1929.

## Chapter 8.

An Act to Establish the Winthrop and Wayne Game Sanctuary in the Towns of Winthrop and Wayne.

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

**Sec. 1. Game sanctuary established in towns of Winthrop and Wayne;**