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Chapter 161

An Act to Regulate the Plotting of Private Lands for Streets or Ways and Imposing Conditions for Recording Maps or Plans of Private Land with Streets or Ways Thereon.

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

Sec. 1. Streets, avenues, roads, etc., must be approved by municipal officers before map or plan can be recorded. No map, plat, plan or chart of any private land or lands situated in any town or city of the state, showing thereon one or more streets, avenues, roads, lanes or alleys as open or reserved for travel, shall hereafter be accepted for filing or record by the register of deeds of any county unless such map, plat, plan or chart showing such streets, avenues, roads, lanes and alleys shall have been first approved by the municipal officers of the town or city where such land is situated or has been approved on appeal therefrom, as hereinafter provided. Nothing herein shall apply to any map, plat, plan or chart approved or adopted by any order or decree of court in any judicial proceeding, or made, approved or adopted under public authority conveyed by the statutes of Maine.

Sec. 2. Application shall be filed with clerk; referred to engineer; endorsement; disapproval. With every application to said municipal officers for such approval, such map, plat, plan or chart shall be filed with the town or city clerk and shall be referred by said clerk to the town or city engineer in such towns and cities as have a town or city engineer, who shall within thirty days after its receipt make a report thereon in writing to said municipal officers. In towns and cities having no town or city engineer, the town or city clerk shall forward such application to the municipal officers. Within thirty days from the receipt of said application by the municipal officers they shall determine if all such streets and other ways are reasonable in their location, extent, width, grade, materials of construction, drainage and sewerage, with due regard to both the public and private interest involved. If the municipal officers shall approve the same, they shall endorse and certify the fact of such approval upon the map, plat, plan or chart filed with them for approval and shall promptly deliver it to the register of deeds of the county wherein such land is situated and in event of more than one registry of deeds in any county, then the map, plat, plan or chart shall be delivered to the register of deeds of the district wherein the land is situated, and he shall record the same. If the municipal officers find that any such streets or ways are unreasonable, as aforesaid, they shall disapprove the same and make a written record of their reasons for disapproval and file said record with the town or city clerk.

Sec. 3. Persons aggrieved may appeal. Any person or persons

aggrieved by the action of the municipal officers may appeal to the supreme judicial court in the manner and subject to the same provisions as set out in section twenty of chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes providing for appeals for damages estimated in laying out a town way.

Approved March 28, 1929.

Chapter 162.

An Act Relating to a State Entomologist.

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

Sec. 1. State entomologist. The forest commissioner with the approval of the governor and council shall appoint a trained entomologist to be known as the state entomologist, to hold office at the pleasure of the forest commissioner.

Sec. 2. Duties defined. The duties of the state entomologist shall be to answer calls for information on insect control and identification, to supervise necessary control work not already provided for by law, and to assist other departments in work along this line.

Approved March 28, 1929.

Chapter 163.

An Act Relating to Lights on Vehicles.

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

P. L., 1921, c. 211, sec. 69; relating to animal drawn vehicles to be equipped with lights, amended. Section sixty-nine of chapter two hundred and eleven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one is hereby amended by striking out the words "on wheels" in the first line thereof, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 69. Every vehicle shall have light or lights attached. Every vehicle, whether stationary or in motion, on any way or bridge shall have attached to it a light or lights so displayed as to be visible from the front and rear thereof during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any vehicle which is designed to be propelled by hand, nor to any vehicle not in motion and parked or beside a curb in a place and under conditions where there is sufficient artificial light to make such vehicle clearly visible from a distance not less than one hundred feet in each direction.'

Approved March 28, 1929.