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vehicles without drivers, who rents any such vehicle without a driver to another, otherwise than as a part of a bona fide transaction involving the sale of such motor vehicle, permitting the renter to operate the vehicle upon the public ways shall be jointly and severally liable with the renter for any damages caused by the negligence of the latter in operating the vehicle and for any damages caused by the negligence of any person operating the vehicle by or with the permission of the person so renting the vehicle from the owner, except that the foregoing provisions shall not confer any right of action upon any passenger in any such rented vehicle as against the owner, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the introduction as a defense of contributory negligence to the extent to which such defense is allowed in other cases.

**Sec. 27. Record of identity of person to whom vehicle is rented to be maintained.** Every person engaged in the business of renting motor vehicles without drivers who shall rent any such vehicle without a driver, otherwise than as a part of a bona fide transaction involving the sale of such motor vehicle, shall maintain a record of the identity of the person to whom the vehicle is rented, including a record of his license, and the exact time the vehicle is the subject to such rental or in possession of the person renting and having the use of the vehicle, and every such record shall be a public record and open to inspection by any officer, and it shall be a misdemeanor for any such owner to fail to make or have in possession or to refuse an inspection of the record required in this section. If the secretary of state prescribes a form for the keeping of the record provided for in this section, the owner shall use said form.

**Sec. 28. Penalty for misstatement of fact.** Whoever shall make any material misstatement of fact upon his application for license to operate a motor vehicle or for registration thereof, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or to imprisonment not exceeding ninety days or both.

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## Chapter 328.

An Act to Provide for the Appointment of a Commission to Recommend Changes in the Sunday Law.

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

**Sec. 1. Commission on revision of the Sunday laws provided for.** The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint five citizens of the state representing the business and religious interests thereof as a commission to be known as the "Commission on Revision of the Sunday Laws." Said commissioners shall serve without pay but shall be reim-

bursed for their actual expenses incurred while engaged on the duties of said commission. They shall meet as soon as convenient after their appointment at such place as they may select and shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the commission. Said commission shall consider the advisability of legislation repealing or amending the Sunday law of the state and especially the advisability of legislation permitting amateur games and sports on Sunday. The commission shall hold such hearings as it may deem necessary.

**Sec. 2. Shall make a report.** Said commission shall on or before January first, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, make a written report to the governor and council, which report shall be transmitted to the clerk of the house of representatives upon the organization of the eighty-fifth legislature.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The sum of one thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

Approved April 13, 1929.

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## Chapter 329.

An Act Relating to Investments in Industrial Bonds by Savings Banks.

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

**Sec. 1. P. L., 1923, c. 144, sec. 27; relating to investment of deposits, amended.** Section twenty-seven of chapter one hundred and forty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three is hereby amended by adding thereto the following subdivision, the same to be numbered XIX:

**'XIX. Bonds or notes of industrial corporations located principally within the United States; limit.** In bonds or notes of industrial corporations whose property is located principally within the United States and issued or assumed by companies of which the net income in each year of the five years next preceding such investment shall have been either:

(1) Not less than ten million dollars and not less than twice the annual interest on the entire funded debt, or

(2) Not less than two million dollars and not less than four times such interest.

Not more than ten per cent of the deposits of any one bank shall be invested in the bonds or notes authorized by this sub-division, and said bonds or notes legalized hereunder are subject to the provisions relating to certificates of legality as set forth in sub-division sixteen of section twenty-seven of chapter one hundred and forty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three.'