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CHAP. 13

Any person, firm, corporation, or agent, cutting any forest growth on property adjacent to the right of way of any railroad or highway, within the state, shall leave the growth uncut on the land within fifty feet of the limit of the right of way of a railroad or center of the wrought portion of any plantation, town, city, county, or state road; (or shall dispose of slash and debris caused by cutting in such a manner that inflammable material shall not remain on the ground within fifty feet of the limit of the right of way of a railroad or center of the wrought portion of any plantation, town, city, county, or state road). Any person, firm, corporation, or agent cutting any forest growth on property adjacent to woodlands owned by another within the state outside the limits of the Maine forestry district and all such firms, persons, and corporations, who by themselves, their agents, servants, licensees, permittees, or lessees operate, or permit operation of portable sawmills on land which borders on woodland shall dispose of slash and debris caused by cutting in such a manner that inflammable material shall not remain on the ground within fifty feet of the line of cutting on the side or sides towards such woodland. Provided, however, that consent and direction in writing from the forestry department shall be required for the burning of such brush or slash or for the burning of blueberry land and grass land adjacent to any forest growth except when the ground is covered with snow. The forest commissioner shall cause to be furnished to all the chief forest fire wardens and to the municipal officers of all towns and organized plantations of the state, blank permits, signed by him, for the burning of brush or slash or for the burning of blueberry land and grass land adjacent to any forest growth. Any chief forest fire warden or the municipal officers of the town, in the county where the land is located, shall have full authority to countersign and grant such permits signed by the forest commissioner. The forest commissioner, may, however, in any particular case called to his attention, overrule the decision of the chief forest fire warden or the municipal officers, and himself grant the permit asked for or forbid the granting of the same. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall on conviction thereof be punished by a fine of fifty dollars.'

Approved February 27, 1931.

Chapter 13.

AN ACT Relating to School Attendance.

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

R. S., c. 19, sec. 77; relating to children between certain ages required to attend school unless excused or excluded by committee. Section sev-

enty-seven of chapter nineteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the fifth line thereof the word "eighth", and by striking out in the sixth line thereof the word "grade", and by substituting in the place thereof the word 'grades', so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 77. Every child between the fifteenth and sixteenth anniversaries who has not completed the grades of the elementary school shall attend some public day school. 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 grades 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 obtains 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 commissioner of education, or in any other manner arranged for by the superintending school committee with the approval of the state commissioner of education; 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 neglect of such duty shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars, or shall be imprisoned for not more than 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.'

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