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STATE OF MAINE

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in the fifth and sixth lines of said section and inserting in place thereof the word 'sixty-three', so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

'Sec. 67. Care of abandoned or neglected animals at the owner's expense; sheep abandoned on islands. Any person may take charge of an animal whose owner has cruelly abandoned it, or cruelly fails to take care of and provide for it, and may furnish the same with proper shelter, nourishment, and care at the owner's expense, and have a lien thereon for the same; and may enforce said lien in the manner provided for in section sixty-three of this chapter, and the keeping or leaving sheep on any of the uninhabited and barren islands, lying off the coast of Maine, within said state, during the months of December, January, February and March of any year, without providing sufficient food and proper shelter therefor, shall be deemed prima facie evidence that the owner or person having the custody and control of such sheep has violated the provisions of this section.'

Approved March 30, 1931.

Chapter 115.

AN ACT With Reference to the Meaning of the Word "Distributor" as Applied to Distributors of Gasoline.

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

R. S., c. 12, sec. 79, relating to definition of "distributors," amended. Section seventy-nine of chapter twelve of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out after the word "in," in the fifteenth line of said section, the words "tank car," and by inserting after the word "lots" in the same line of said section, the words 'of five thousand gallons or more,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

'Sec. 79. Terms defined. The terms used in sections seventy-nine to eighty-nine shall be construed as follows: "Internal combustion engine" shall mean any engine operated by explosion or quick burning therein of gasoline, benzol, or other product except kerosene. "Internal combustion engine fuel" shall mean motor fuel commonly called and known as gasoline, benzol, or other product except kerosene and crude oil to be used in the operation of an internal combustion engine. "Distributor" shall mean any person, association of persons, firm or corporation, wherever resident or located, who imports or causes to be imported for sale or for his or its own use (with the exception hereinafter set forth) any internal combustion engine fuels as herein defined for use in this state after it reaches this state; and also any person, association of persons, firm or corporation who

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produces, refines, manufactures or compounds internal combustion engine fuels as herein defined within the state; and also any person, association of persons, firm or corporation who purchases in lots of five thousand gallons or more, either within or without the state, internal combustion engine fuels, as herein defined, for the purpose of resale within the state.'

Approved March 30, 1931.

Chapter 116.

AN ACT Relating to Procedure before Public Utilities Commission.

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

R. S., c. 62, sec. 63; relating to exceptions to rulings, amended. Section sixty-three of chapter sixty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and by substituting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 63. Questions of law may be raised on exceptions to rulings; decision certified to clerk of commission. Questions of law may be raised by alleging exceptions to the ruling of the commission on an agreed statement of facts, or on facts found by the commission, and such exceptions shall be allowed by the chairman of the commission and certified by the clerk thereof to the next term of the law court to be entered on the docket thereof and argued and determined according to the rules of procedure in said court. The result shall be certified by the clerk of the law court to the clerk of the commission, the prevailing party to recover costs.'

Approved March 30, 1931.

Chapter 117.

AN ACT Relating to Closing of Accounts of Public Utilities.

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

R. S., c. 62, sec. 22; relating to accounts closed Dec. 31st, balance sheet filed with commission, amended. Section twenty-two of chapter sixty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: 'and may in its discretion excuse any public utility from filing such returns when the gross revenue of such utility does not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars.' So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 22. When public utility may be excused from filing such returns. The accounts of all public utilities shall be closed annually on the thirty-