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tion, the words: 'except as provided in paragraph two of section fifty-five of this chapter,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 65. Termination of registrations and licenses to operate. All registrations of vehicles, all certificates of registration and number plates, and all licenses to operate motor vehicles shall terminate and become void at midnight on the thirty-first day of December of each year; except as provided in paragraph two of section fifty-five of this chapter and no person shall operate any motor vehicle on or after the first day of January of any year unless then duly licensed to operate such vehicle for such year.'

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## Chapter 225.

### AN ACT to Correct Typographical and Clerical Errors in the Revision.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas certain errors and omissions were inadvertently made in the revision of the statutes for 1930, and whereas certain of said errors are of great importance and all create uncertainty regarding the existing law, and whereas these facts render the passage of this act immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace and safety and constitute an emergency within the meaning of the constitution, now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 12, sec. 90, amended.** Section ninety of chapter twelve of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the fourth line of said section the word "eighty-two" and substituting in place thereof the word 'ninety-six', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 90. **Excise tax to be levied annually.** An excise shall be levied annually as herein provided with respect to each calendar year for the privilege of operating upon the public ways, each motor vehicle to be so operated, subject to the provisions of section ninety-six, as follows: a sum equal to twenty-three mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the first or current year of model, sixteen and one-half mills for the second year, twelve and one-half mills for the third year, nine mills for the fourth year, five and one-half mills for the fifth year and three mills for the sixth and succeeding years; provided, however, that persons registering under the provisions of section forty of chapter twenty-nine, the state and political subdivisions thereof, bona fide dealers or manufacturers of motor vehicles, which motor vehicles are solely for the purpose of demonstration and sale

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and which constitute stock in trade, telephone and telegraph companies subject to the excise tax set forth in sections thirty-nine to forty-five of this chapter, express companies subject to the excise tax as set forth in sections forty-six to forty-nine of this chapter, both inclusive, railroad companies subject to the excise tax set forth in chapter nine, sections twenty-eight to thirty-eight of this chapter, both inclusive, excepting however, motor busses used for the transportation of passengers for hire, shall not be subject to the excise herein provided.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, sec. 29, amended.** Section twenty-nine of chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the fourth line from the end of said section and substituting in place thereof the following words: 'And the said department may declare any and all of its rules and regulations', so that the last sentence of said section as amended shall read as follows: 'And the said department may declare any and all of its rules and regulations made in accordance with the provisions of this section to be in force within the whole state, or within any specified part thereof, and to apply to any person or persons, family, camp, building, vessel, railroad car, or public vehicle of any kind.'

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 28, sec. 32, amended.** Section thirty-two of chapter twenty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the fourth line of said section and substituting in place thereof the following words: 'templated in the six preceding sections for the building of state aid highways', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 32. Special provisions for towns peculiarly located.** Any town or towns which are so located with reference to the state boundary or to adjoining towns that it is impossible to form an association of towns as contemplated in the six preceding sections for the building of state aid highways may apply for and receive the benefits of said sections for the building of a state aid highway on any location extending across said town or towns.'

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 55, sec. 4, amended.** Section four of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the second line of said section and substituting in place thereof the following words: 'employers who employ five or less workmen or operatives regularly in the same', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 4. Section three not applicable to certain employers; five or less employees; farming; domestic service; logging.** The provisions of section three shall not apply to employers who employ five or less workmen or operatives regularly in the same business. Said provisions shall not

apply to actions to recover damages for the injuries aforesaid, or for death resulting from such injuries, sustained by employees engaged in domestic service or in agriculture; or in the operations of cutting, hauling, rafting or driving logs, or in work incidental thereto. Any such logging operations, however, incidental to any business conducted by an assenting employer shall be presumed to be covered by his assent to the act as to such business unless expressly excluded in such assent.'

**Sec. 5. R. S., c. 56, sec. 63, amended.** Section sixty-three of chapter fifty-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the first word in the eleventh line of said section and substituting in place thereof the word 'of', so that the first paragraph of said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 63. Corporation not to sell franchises or entire property without consent of stockholders. No corporation shall sell, lease, consolidate or in any manner part with its franchises, or its entire property, or any of its property, corporate rights or privileges essential to the conduct of its corporate business and purposes, otherwise than in the ordinary and usual course of its business, except with the consent of its stockholders at an annual or special meeting, the call for which shall give notice of the proposed sale, lease or consolidation. All such sales, leases and consolidations shall be subject to the provisions of this and the eleven following sections, and to the prior lien of stockholders as therein defined. Except as to franchises, this and the eleven following sections shall not be held to apply to mortgages of corporate property.'

**Sec. 6. R. S., c. 152, sec. 6, amended.** Section six of chapter one hundred fifty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following words: 'The warden shall give bond to the state in the sum of ten thousand dollars, with sufficient sureties, or with a surety company authorized to do business in the state as surety approved by the governor and council conditioned that he will account for all moneys that come to his hands as treasurer of the state prison; that he will not be concerned in trade or commerce during his continuance in office; and that he will faithfully perform all the duties incumbent on him as warden of said prison; which bond shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state'; so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 6. Warden, chaplain, and physician appointed by commission; warden to appoint others; compensation, how fixed. The warden, chaplain, and physician shall be appointed by the commission and shall hold office during its pleasure. All other officers and employees of the prison

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shall be appointed and commissioned by the warden with the approval of the commission. The compensation of all officers and employees of the prison shall be established by the commission, subject to the approval of the governor and council. The warden shall give bond to the state in the sum of ten thousand dollars, with sufficient sureties, or with a surety company authorized to do business in the state as surety approved by the governor and council conditioned that he will account for all moneys that come to his hands as treasurer of the state prison; that he will not be concerned in trade or commerce during his continuance in office; and that he will faithfully perform all the duties incumbent on him as warden of said prison; which bond shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.'

**Sec. 7. R. S., c. 72, amended.** Chapter seventy-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after section fifty-six of said chapter the following sections, to be numbered section fifty-six A and fifty-six B, respectively:

**'Sec. 56A. Persons maintaining children's homes to have license.** No person, firm, corporation, or association shall conduct or maintain a boarding-house or home for three or more children under sixteen years of age, unattended by parents or guardian, excepting children related to such persons by blood or marriage, or who have been legally adopted by such persons, or engage in, or assist in conducting a business of placing out or finding homes or otherwise disposing of children under sixteen years of age, without having in full force a written license therefor from the state department of public welfare; provided, that nothing in this section shall apply to any institution, which is or shall come under the supervision of the state department of public welfare by the provisions of chapter one hundred fifty-seven. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than sixty days.

**'Sec. 56B. Definition of "boarding house for children".** The term "boarding-house for children" as used in section 56 A, shall be held to mean a house or other place conducted or maintained by any one who advertises himself or holds himself out as conducting a boarding place for children under sixteen years of age, or who receives illegitimate children under sixteen years of age, or who has in his custody or control three or more children under sixteen years of age unattended by parents or guardians, for the purpose of providing such children with food or lodging, excepting children related to him by blood or marriage or who have been legally adopted by him.

The term "home for children" as used in said section 56 A, shall be held to mean any children's home, orphanage, or other institution, association, organization, or individual engaged in receiving, caring for, and finding homes for orphaned, dependent, and neglected children.

Whoever advertises himself or holds himself out as placing or finding homes for, or otherwise disposing of children under sixteen years of age, or whoever within a period of six months actually places or assists in placing in homes of persons other than relatives or causes or assists in causing the adoption or disposal otherwise of more than two children under sixteen years of age, shall be deemed as engaged or assisting in conducting a business of placing out or finding homes for children within the meaning of said section 56 A.'

**Sec. 8. R. S., c. 22, amended.** Chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out sections one hundred eight and one hundred nine and inserting in place thereof the following section, to be numbered section one hundred eight:

'**Sec. 108. Persons maintaining maternity hospitals to have license.** No person, firm, corporation or association shall conduct or maintain a maternity hospital without having in full force a written license therefor from the state department of health, provided that nothing in this section shall apply to any institution which is or shall come under the supervision of the state department of public welfare under the provisions of chapter one hundred fifty-seven.

The term maternity hospital as used in this section shall be held to mean a house or other place maintained or conducted by any one who advertises himself or holds himself out as having or conducting a maternity hospital as herein defined, or a house or any other place in which any person receives, cares for or treats within a period of six months more than one woman during pregnancy or during or after delivery except women related to him by blood or marriage; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent a nurse from practicing her profession in the home of the patient or in any hospital which is otherwise under the supervision of the state department of public welfare other than a maternity hospital.'

**Sec. 9. R. S., c. 91, sec. 91, amended.** Section ninety-one of chapter ninety-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the first line of said section the word "annually" and substituting in place thereof the word 'biennially,'; and by striking out in the fourth line of said section the word "year" and substituting in place thereof the words 'two years', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 91. Biennial report.** The attorney-general shall biennially, on the



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first day of December, make a report to the governor and council of the amount and kind of official business done by him, and by the several county attorneys during the two years preceding, stating the number of persons prosecuted, their alleged offenses, the results, and the punishments awarded, with any useful suggestions.'

**Sec. 10. R. S., c. 12, sec. 20, amended.** Section twenty of chapter twelve of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the second line of said section the word "July" and substituting in place thereof the word 'January', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 20. To report annually to governor and council.** The board of state assessors shall annually, before the first day of January make a report to the governor and council of their proceedings and shall include therein a tabular statement of all statistics derived from returns from local assessors, with schedules of all corporations on which state taxes were assessed during the year, and such other statistics and information concerning revenue and taxation as may be deemed of public interest, and for the years in which they shall equalize the valuation of the state, their report shall include tabular statements of the state valuation by towns.'

**Sec. 11. R. S., c. 14, sec. 66, amended.** Section sixty-six of chapter fourteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the seventh line thereof the word "charges" and substituting in place thereof the word 'changes', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 66. Collector or treasurer who is collector, may issue warrant to sheriff to collect taxes.** The collector of taxes of any town or the treasurer of any town who is also a collector, may issue his warrant to the sheriff of any county, or his deputy or to a constable of his town, directing him to distrain the person or property of any person not paying his taxes within three months after the date of the original commitment which warrant shall be of the same tenor as that prescribed to be issued by municipal officers or assessors to collectors with the appropriate changes returnable to the collector or treasurer issuing the same in thirty, sixty, or ninety days.'

**Sec. 12. R. S., c. 12, sec. 85, amended.** Section eighty-five of chapter twelve of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the eighth line of said section the word "or" and substituting in place thereof the word 'of', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 85. Persons receiving fuels in manner to preclude collection of tax in first instance may become liable for payment of tax if afterwards sold.** Whoever shall receive any such internal combustion engine fuels

in such form and under such circumstances as shall preclude the collection of this tax from the distributors by reasons of the provisions of the laws of the United States, and shall thereafter sell or use any such internal combustion engine fuels in such manner and under such circumstances as may subject such sale or use to the taxing power of this state, shall be considered as a distributor and shall make the same reports, pay the same taxes, and be subject to all other provisions of sections seventy-nine to eighty-nine relating to distributors of internal combustion engine fuels.'

**Sec. 13. R. S., c. 50, sec. 2, amended.** Section two of chapter fifty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the third line of said section the word "expect" and substituting in place thereof the word 'except', so that the first sentence of said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Sea and shore fisheries commission; appointment, qualifications, tenure, removal, vacancies, power, duties, etc.; rules and regulations; penalty for violating same. The sea and shore fisheries commission shall consist of three persons who shall not all be members of the same political party and who except as hereinafter provided shall be chosen from the two political parties casting the largest number of votes for governor at the last preceding election.'

**Sec. 14. R. S., c. 38, sec. 107, sub-section (b), amended.** Sub-section (b) of section one hundred seven of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the first line of said sub-section the word "forty-eight" and substituting in place thereof the word 'forty-nine', so that said sub-section as amended shall read as follows:

'(b) Whoever violates the provisions of section forty-nine shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars, nor more than three hundred dollars and costs, or by imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or by both said fine and imprisonment.'

**Sec. 15. R. S., c. 61, sec. 20, amended.** Section twenty of chapter sixty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the twentieth line of said section and substituting in place thereof the following words: 'of any funds in possession of the association or which may come therefrom', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 20. Examination by insurance commissioner; proceedings when business becomes hazardous; receiver may be appointed and affairs closed; fees. The insurance commissioner, in person or by deputy, shall have the power of visitation and examination into the affairs of any domestic association subject to the provisions of this chapter, provided, that he shall

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not be required to make periodical examinations of domestic associations. Whenever after examination the commissioner is satisfied that any domestic association is not paying the maximum amount named in its policies or certificates in full or is in such condition as to render further proceedings hazardous to the public or its policyholders or is transacting its business fraudulently; or whenever such domestic association shall, after the existence of one year or more, have a membership of less than three hundred, the insurance commissioner may present the facts in relation to the same to any justice of the supreme judicial court or of the superior court; and said justice shall thereupon notify the officers of such association of a hearing and unless it shall then appear that some special and good reason exists why the association should not be closed, some person shall be appointed receiver of such association and shall proceed at once to take possession of the books, papers, moneys and other assets of the association, and shall forthwith, under the direction of the court proceed to close the affairs of such association and to distribute to those entitled thereto its funds in the manner provided in section seven. For this service the receiver may be allowed out of any funds in possession of the association or which may come therefrom into his hands, such sum as the court may determine to be reasonable and just. When the affairs of the association shall be finally closed, the court shall decree a dissolution of the same.'

**Sec. 16. R. S., c. 60, sec. 97, amended.** Section ninety-seven of chapter sixty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the second line of said section and substituting in place thereof the following words: 'the insurance commissioner of this state a statement verified by his oath, showing the', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 97. No subscriber to assume more than ten per cent of his net worth.** Such attorney, agent, or other representative, shall file with the insurance commissioner of this state a statement verified by his oath, showing the maximum amount of indemnity upon any single risk; and such attorney, agent, or other representative, whenever and as often as shall be required, shall file with the insurance commissioner a statement verified by his oath to the effect that he has examined the commercial rating of all subscribers to the power of attorney above referred to, as shown by the reference book of a commercial agency having at least one hundred thousand subscribers, and that from such examination or other information in his possession, it appears that no subscriber has assumed on any single risk an amount greater than ten per cent of the net worth of said subscriber.'

**Sec. 17. R. S., c. 60, sec. 170, amended.** Section one hundred seventy of chapter sixty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out

in the last line of said section the word "of" and substituting in place thereof the word 'or' so that the last sentence of said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Upon such revocation the commissioner shall cause notice thereof to be published in the state paper, and no new business shall be thereafter done by said corporation or its agents in this state.'

**Sec. 18. R. S., c. 60, sec. 36, amended.** Section thirty-six of chapter sixty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the twentieth line of said section the word "plain" and substituting in place thereof the word 'plainly', so that the last sentence of said section as amended shall read as follows:

'The total amount of the liability of the policyholder shall be plainly and legibly stated upon the filing back of each policy.'

**Sec. 19. R. S., c. 48, sec. 31, amended.** Chapter forty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by changing the section number of the section that immediately follows section thirty of said chapter from section thirteen to section thirty-one.

**Sec. 20. R. S., c. 38, sec. 43, amended.** Section forty-three of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the first line of said section the words "hunting or trapping", so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 43. Licenses may be revoked for violation of fish and game laws.** If the holder of a license issued by virtue of this chapter violates any of the game laws said license may be revoked by the commissioner of inland fisheries and game at his discretion, and no new certificate shall be issued for a period of six months thereafter to such person.'

**Sec. 21. R. S., c. 12, sec. 21, amended.** Section twenty-one of chapter twelve of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the second line of said section after the word "state" the words 'having a fixed capital,'; and by adding at the end of said section the following sentence: 'Every corporation so incorporated having shares without par value shall pay to the secretary of state an annual franchise tax of five mills per share on all shares authorized but in no case less than ten dollars and in the cases of corporations having stock of both classes the tax of five mills per share on all shares without par value shall be additional to the tax above provided for the authorized capital represented by shares of a definite par value', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 21. Taxation and rate.** Every corporation incorporated under the laws of the state, having a fixed capital, except such as are excepted by

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section thirty-eight of chapter fifty-six, shall pay an annual franchise tax of five dollars, provided the authorized capital of said corporation does not exceed fifty thousand dollars; of ten dollars, provided said authorized capital exceeds fifty thousand dollars, and does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars; of fifty dollars, provided said authorized capital exceeds two hundred thousand dollars, and does not exceed five hundred thousand dollars; of seventy-five dollars, provided said authorized capital exceeds five hundred thousand dollars, and does not exceed one million dollars; and the further sum of fifty dollars a year for each one million dollars, or any part thereof, in excess of one million dollars. Every corporation so incorporated having shares without par value shall pay to the secretary of state an annual franchise tax of five mills per share on all shares authorized but in no case less than ten dollars and in the cases of corporations having stock of both classes the tax of five mills per share on all shares without par value shall be additional to the tax above provided for the authorized capital represented by shares of a definite par value.'

**Sec. 22. R. S., c. 38, sec. 87, amended.** Section eighty-seven of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the first and second lines of said section the following words: "For a period of four years from the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven"; and by striking out in the sixth and seventh lines of said section eighty-seven the words "For a period of four years from the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven," so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 87. Grassy pond; Glencove; Rockport.** It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, pursue, shoot at, or kill, any wild bird or wild animal at any time on Grassy pond, or from the shores of said pond, which pond is situated in the towns of Rockport and Hope, in the county of Knox. It shall also be unlawful for any person to hunt, pursue, shoot at, or kill, any wild bird or wild animal at any time in Glencove, so-called, in Penobscot Bay, which cove is situated in the town of Rockport, in the county of Knox, and which cove is bounded as follows, to wit: on the north, west and south by the main land, on the east by a line extending from Smith's Point to Ram island and from Ram island to the easterly point of Pine Hill in said Rockport. It shall also be unlawful for any person to have in possession at any time, any wild bird or wild animal taken in violation of any provision of this section. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars and costs for each offense, or imprisonment for thirty days, or both said fine and imprisonment.'

**Sec. 23. R. S., c. 38, sec. 88, amended.** Section eighty-eight of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out, in the first and second lines thereof, the words "For a period of six years from tenth day of July, nineteen hundred twenty-five" so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 88. West Bath.** No person shall at any time hunt, trap, catch, pursue, shoot at, or kill any wild animal, or bird, (except bobcats, Canada lynx, foxes, rabbits, minks, skunks, or ducks), within the following described territory situated in the town of West Bath in the county of Sagadahoc: Beginning on the east bank of the New Meadows river at a point due west of the northwest corner of the cottage dwelling of Samuel R. Percy at Sabino, so-called; thence running easterly to the Sabino road; thence easterly by said Sabino road to Prince's corner, so-called; thence southerly by the Campbell's pond road and Brigham's cove road to Brigham's cove in Winnegance Bay; thence southerly, westerly and northerly by the shore of said Winnegance Bay and said New Meadows river to the point of beginning. The territory herein above described shall be known, and in any proceedings under this section may be designated as the West Bath Game Preserve. It shall also be unlawful for any person to have in possession at any time within the period aforesaid any wild animal, alive or dead, or any wild bird taken or killed in violation of any provision of this section.

Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars and costs for each offense, or by imprisonment for thirty days, or by both said fine and imprisonment.'

**Sec. 24. R. S., c. 38, sec. 90, amended.** Section ninety of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out, in the first and second lines of the eleventh paragraph of said section, the words "For a period of four years from July 11, 1929" so that said eleventh paragraph, relating to the Knox County Game Preserve, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Knox County Game Preserve:** 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.'

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Sec. 25. R. S., c. 38, sec. 90, amended. Section ninety of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting, after the twenty-fourth paragraph thereof, the following paragraphs:

'Drake's Island Game Preserve: It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, chase, catch, kill or destroy any wild bird or wild animal at any time in all that part of Drake's Island, so-called, in the town of Wells, which is bounded as follows: Northerly by the game preserve established by act of the nineteen hundred twenty-seven legislature in chapter thirty-one of the public laws; easterly by the Atlantic Ocean; southerly by the Wells river; and westerly by said river and creek flowing under Dyke bridge, so-called.'

'Dry Pond: It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, pursue, shoot at or kill any wild bird or wild animal at any time on Dry Pond or from the shores of said pond, which pond is situated in the town of Gray, in the county of Cumberland.'

'Jefferson and Whitefield: It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, chase, catch, kill or destroy any wild bird or wild animal within the following described territory situated in the towns of Jefferson and Whitefield, in the county of Lincoln: Land of Jewett Brothers, situated wholly or partly in the town of Jefferson; land of S. D. Erskine, wholly or partly in the towns of Jefferson and Whitefield; land of Clarence Ford, wholly or partly in the town of Jefferson; land of Boynton Brothers, wholly or partly in the town of Jefferson; which land is bounded as follows: On the north by the highway leading from Weary pond to South Jefferson; on the east by Stearns brook and by Little Dyer's pond and the inlet stream and marsh of said pond and by the highway leading from South Jefferson to Alna; on the south by the Alna town line; on the west by the road leading from Alna to said Weary pond, in the town of Whitefield.'

'Old Town Game Preserve: It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, chase, catch, kill or destroy any wild bird or wild animal within the following described territory situated in the city of Old Town, in the county of Penobscot; bounded by Gilman Falls avenue on the north, Veazie street on the east, Stillwater avenue on the south, and Stillwater branch of Penobscot river on the west.'

'Pittston Farm: It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, chase, catch or kill at any time any wild bird or wild animal on Pittston Farm, so-called, in Pittston Township, in the county of Somerset, being all the fields, pastures and cultivated lands of said farm.'

'Rangeley Game Preserve: No person shall, at any time, hunt, chase, catch, kill or destroy any wild bird or wild animal within the limits of the following described tract or territory, situated in the counties of Franklin

and Oxford, the same being in unorganized townships, to wit: Township four, range six, known as Bowman town; the northerly part of township five, range five, known as Parmachenee town; and township four, range five, known as Oxbow town, all in the county of Oxford; and the southerly half of township three, range five, known as Seven Pond township, in the county of Franklin, bounded as follows: Commencing at the northwesterly corner of said Bowman town, on the International Boundary, thence by said boundary to the point on said boundary nearest the intersection of the tote road leading by White Cap pond to Cupsuptic pond, and the west line of township three, range five, known as Seven Pond town; thence easterly to said westerly line of Seven Pond town; thence on said westerly line to a point equal distance between the north and south line thereof; thence easterly parallel with the north and south lines and equidistant therefrom to the east line thereof; thence southerly on said east line to the southeast corner of said Seven Pond town; thence westerly on the southerly line of said Seven Pond town and southerly line of said Oxbow town to the southwest corner of said Oxbow town; thence northerly on the westerly line of said Oxbow town to a point where the third, east and west parallel on Parmachenee town intersects the westerly line of Oxbow town; thence westerly along said third, east and west parallel to the Maine state line, being the westerly line of said Parmachenee town; thence northerly by the west line of said Parmachenee town and west line of said Bowman town to point of beginning, at International Boundary, containing sixty-three thousand acres, more or less.'

'Stanton Bird Sanctuary: It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, chase, catch, kill or destroy any wild bird or wild animal within the limits of the following described tract or territory situated in the county of Androscoggin, the same being known as Thorncrag-Stanton Bird Sanctuary, and bounded as follows: On the north by land of H. Osmond Wood; on the east by land formerly owned by Benjamin Thorn; on the south by the road leading from Barker's Mills Schoolhouse to Thorne's Corner; on the west by land of H. Osmond Wood and George H. McGibbon, said tract being wholly situated within the city of Lewiston in said county of Androscoggin and containing forty-five acres, more or less.'

Sec. 26. R. S., c. 38, sec. 91, amended. Section ninety-one of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words 'except as provided in this chapter', so that said section, as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 91. Hunting or possession of firearms within the limits of game preserves forbidden. No person shall at any time hunt, chase, catch, kill or destroy any wild birds or wild animals or have in his possession fire-



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arms of any description within the limits of any game preserve or closed territory except as provided in this chapter.'

**Sec. 27. R. S., c. 33, sec. 29, amended.** Section twenty-nine of chapter thirty-three of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the third line of said section the word "eighteen" and substituting in place thereof the word 'twenty-one', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 29. Overseers to relieve persons having settlement in other towns.** Overseers shall relieve persons destitute, found in their towns and having no settlement therein, and in case of death, decently bury them, or dispose of their bodies according to section three of chapter twenty-one; the expenses whereof and of their removal incurred within three months before notice given to the town chargeable, may be recovered of the town liable, by the town incurring them, in an action commenced within two years after the cause of action accrued, and not otherwise; and may be recovered of their kindred in the manner before provided in this chapter.'

**Sec. 28. R. S., c. 12, sec. 7, amended.** Section seven of chapter twelve of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out, after the word "purposes" in the tenth line of said section, the remaining part of said section, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 7. Assessors of towns to annually make return to state assessors.** The assessors of each town shall, on or before the first day of August, annually, and at such other times as the board may require, make and return on blank lists which shall be seasonably furnished by the board of state assessors for that purpose, all such information as to the assessment of property and collection of taxes as may be needed in the work of the board, including annually aggregates of polls, the land value, exclusive of buildings and all other improvements, and the valuation of each and every class of property assessed in their respective towns, with the total valuation and percentage of taxation, and itemized lists of property upon which the town has voted to affix a value for taxation purposes.'

**Sec. 29. Knox county game preserve.** Section ninety of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth lines of the twenty-sixth paragraph of said section the following words: "nor the hunting of foxes and rabbits in the Knox County Game Preserve during the open season on the same as now or hereafter provided by law, but no person shall kill in any one day more than two rabbits within the limits of said sanctuary;"

**Sec. 30. Officer's fee for filing return with register of deeds.** Section four of chapter one hundred twenty-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the fifth line of the fourth paragraph of said section the word "ten" and inserting in place thereof the word 'twenty-five' so that said paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

'If real estate is attached, the officer may charge twenty-five cents for leaving with the register of deeds an attested copy of his return and other particulars, as required by law, and instead of travel, legal postage; and the usual rate of travel from the residence of such officer to the nearest post-office; and he shall pay the register twenty-five cents, and tax the same with his own fees.'

**Sec. 31. Certified copies of vital statistics; fees.** Section thirty-nine of chapter seventy-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the last paragraph thereof and inserting the following as a new section to be numbered section thirty-nine A:

'**Sec. 39A. Certified copies of vital statistics; fees.** When required for any lawful and proper purpose, certified copies of records shall be furnished by the state registrar of vital statistics for a fee of fifty cents, to be paid by the applicant. For any search of the files and records, when no certified copy is made, the fee shall be fifty cents for each hour or fractional part of an hour of time of search, said fee to be paid by the applicant.'

**Sec. 32. Fees for serving bills in equity.** Section four of chapter one hundred twenty-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the first line of the next to the last paragraph of said section the word "or" and substituting in place thereof the word 'with', so that the said next to the last paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

'For serving bills in equity with the subpoena issued thereon, divorce libels, notices of foreclosure of mortgages of real estate, subpoena and application for debtor to disclose before a commissioner, or copies of writs of entry served upon tenants in possession of demanded premises when defendant is not in possession, the sheriff or his deputy shall receive the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents when such service is made in hand, and seventy-five cents when service is made by leaving at the last and usual place of abode copy of such of the above as are not required by law to be served in hand, in addition to his travel, and for the copy, when required to be attested by him, at the rate hereinbefore provided, and in all cases, the officer making service shall make a return of his service on the bill or subpoena, libel, notice of foreclosure, citation or other precept, without charge or fee for so doing.'

**Sec. 33. Interpretation.** In view of the purpose for which this act is

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enacted it shall be interpreted to be superseded by such other legislation passed by this legislature as may conflict with any sections hereby amended.

**Sec. 34. Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency recited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved April 3, 1931.

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**Chapter 226.****AN ACT Relative to Trapping Licenses.**

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

**R. S., c. 38, sec. 42; relating to trapping licenses, amended.** Section forty-two of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the first and second lines thereof the words "except bobcats and rabbits", so that the first sentence of said section forty-two, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 42. Rabbits excepted in license requirement.** Any resident who traps for any fur-bearing animal except rabbits shall annually procure a license therefor from the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, paying therefor ten dollars; provided, however, that the annual fee for such trapping within the limits of cities, town and plantations of the state shall be five dollars; provided, further, that whoever hunts or traps for any beaver on any land in the state opened to beaver trapping by said commissioner shall pay therefor a fee of ten dollars annually, and an additional fee of two dollars for the sealing and stamping of each skin as required by law, skins to be so sealed and stamped by game wardens.'

Approved April 3, 1931.

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**Chapter 227.****AN ACT Relating to the Gray Game Preserve.**

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

**R. S., c. 38; relative to game preserve, amended.** Chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph on page six hundred ninety-two of the revised statutes (which said paragraph describes the Standish game preserve) the following paragraph: