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of said section after the word "thereof" the following words: 'and military and naval reservists', so that said second paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

'Leave of absence for members of guard, military and naval reservists. All officials and employees of the state of Maine who shall be members of the national guard thereof and military and naval reservists shall be entitled to leave of absence from their respective duties, without loss of pay or time, on all days during which they shall be engaged in field or coast defense training ordered or authorized by the governor of the state of Maine or under the provisions of the national defense act.'

Approved April 3, 1931.

Chapter 260.

AN ACT to Create a Game Sanctuary, in the town of Hope, Knox County, to Be Known as the Gribbel Game Preserve.

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

Gribbel Game Preserve established. No person shall, except as hereinafter provided, at any time, hunt, pursue, shoot at or kill any wild animal or any game or wild bird, within the following described territory, situated in the town of Hope, in the county of Knox, known as the Gribbel Farm and formerly known as the Grant Farm.

It shall also be unlawful for any person to have in possession at any time any wild animal or any game or wild bird or part thereof taken in violation of any provision of this act. Provided, however, that it shall be lawful to hunt foxes and rabbits in the above described territory during the open season on the same as now or hereinafter provided by law, but no person shall kill in any one day more than two rabbits within the limits of said sanctuary.

Approved April 3, 1931.

Chapter 261.

AN ACT Relating to Taking of Land by State Highway Commission.

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

R. S., c. 28, sec. 12; relating to taking of land by the state highway commission, amended. Section twelve of chapter twenty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out of said section in the twenty-first line thereof the words "one-half in all cases", and in the

twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, and twenty-sixth lines thereof the words "and one-half by the county in which said land is situated, or if said land is in two or more counties, then said other half shall be apportioned between and paid by the said several counties in proportion to the damages awarded on the lands situated in each county; except that damages awarded for taking material shall be paid by the state"; so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Sec. 12. Commissioner may purchase or take land for highways and materials; procedure; commissioner may vacate lands taken; governor, and council authorized to sell property acquired by purchase. The commission may purchase, take over, and hold for the state as for public use such materials and land as may be necessary to provide a change of location or alignment of any state or state aid highway as herein designated, or to secure materials, including clay, gravel, sand, and rock, with necessary ways and access thereto, for the improvement, construction, and maintenance of state and state aid highways under the provisions of this chapter. Whenever the commission determines that public exigency requires the taking of land as aforesaid, it shall cause the same to be surveyed and described and a plan thereof and said description to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county or registry district where the same is located, and notice thereof shall be given in some newspaper, if any, published wholly or in part in said county. If the commission is unable to purchase such material or land with necessary ways and access thereto at what it deems a reasonable valuation, the commission and the county commissioners of the county wherein such material or land is located shall constitute a joint board which shall on petition of the commission or interested parties, meet and ascertain and determine the damages in the same manner as provided for land taken for highway purposes, and all parties aggrieved by the estimate of damage shall have like remedies as provided for appraisal of damages for land taken by towns for highway purposes, and such damages shall be paid by the treasurer of state, from the appropriate funds provided under this chapter. Said board shall fix a time and place for its hearings and give notice thereof as provided for laying out highways. The commission may vacate any land or part thereof or rights in land which have been taken or acquired for highway purposes under the provisions hereof, by executing and recording a deed thereof, and such action shall revert the title to the lands or rights so vacated in the persons, their heirs, and assigns, in whom it was vested at the time of the taking, and the value at the time of vacation may be pleaded in mitigation of damages in any proceedings therefor on account of such taking. The governor and council on recommendation of the commission

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may sell and convey on behalf of the state the interests of the state in property acquired by purchase under this section and deemed no longer necessary for the purposes hereof, and the proceeds of such sale shall so far as practicable be credited to the fund from which such purchase was originally made.'

Approved April 3, 1931.

Chapter 262.

AN ACT Relating to Fees for Registration of Trailers.

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

R. S., c. 29, sec. 54, paragraph C, relating to fees for registration of trailers, amended. Paragraph C, section fifty-four of chapter twenty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding to said paragraph the following: 'Trailers having a carrying capacity of four thousand pounds or more shall be classified and rated as trucks,' and further amended by inserting after the word "solid" in the seventh line of said paragraph the word 'rubber,' so that said paragraph, as amended, shall read as follows:

'C. Trailers.

	Per 100 lbs. gross weight of vehicle and load
Equipped with	
Pneumatic tires	15 cents
Solid rubber tires	40 cents
Iron, steel or other hard tires.....	75 cents

Trailers having a carrying capacity of four thousand pounds or more shall be classified and rated as trucks.

Not more than one trailer shall be drawn by a motor vehicle.

And provided further that no motor vehicle, including trucks, passenger busses and passenger cars shall exceed in length thirty-six feet over all and no trailer attached to a motor vehicle shall exceed in length twenty-six feet over all.'

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