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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Eighty-Eighth Legislature

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Chapter 152

AN ACT Relating to Prepayment of Excise Tax on Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 12, § 92, amended. Section 92 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 103 of the public laws of 1931 and by chapter 230 of the public laws of 1933, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 92. Payment of tax must precede registration; exemptions from tax. No motor vehicle owned or controlled by a resident of this state, excepting only motor vehicles owned and operated by charitable, benevolent, literary, or scientific organizations which are used exclusively in carrying on charitable, benevolent, literary, or scientific work in the state, shall be registered under the provisions of chapter 29 until the owner or person controlling the same has paid the excise tax herein provided to the city or town wherein he resides. Provided further that a non-resident person registering a motor vehicle in this state shall pay to the municipality of the state where he is occasionally or temporarily residing, or if there be no such residing place, then to the state the excise tax above provided; and that a foreign corporation registering a motor vehicle in this state shall pay to the municipality of the state where said motor vehicle is customarily kept, or if there be no such customary place of keeping, then to the state, the excise tax above provided. If such payment is made to the state the secretary of state is hereby authorized to receive the same and to give a receipt therefor.'

Approved April 10, 1937.

Chapter 153

AN ACT to Amend "An Act to Revise the Health and Welfare Laws."

Emergency preamble. Whereas, funds for the admission of feeble-minded persons to the Pownal state school for the feeble-minded are available; and

Whereas, the present order for admissions to the Pownal state school do not permit admittance in accordance with the exigencies of individual cases; and which endangers the safety of the citizens of the state; and

Whereas, accommodations are now available for 240 feeble-minded persons regardless of present legislative groupings and with due regard to their degree of mental deficiency; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore

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

Section 453 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 453. Order of admittance. Feeble-minded persons shall be admitted to the institution in the following order: 1st, feeble-minded persons who are now in public institutions supported entirely at public expense; 2nd, feeble-minded persons in public institutions not supported as aforesaid; 3rd, feeble-minded persons who are not in any institution of the state, who have no parents, kinsmen, or guardian able to provide for them, or who are committed by a judge of probate; 4th, those residing within the state whose parents, kinsmen, or guardian bound by law to support such persons are able to pay; 5th, persons of other states whose parents, kinsmen, or guardian are willing to pay. The order of admittance of feeble-minded persons to the institution shall be determined by the department.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved April 12, 1937.

Chapter 154

AN ACT Relating to Hunting of Raccoons.

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

R. S., c. 38, § 72, amended. Paragraph (d) of section 72 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'(d) Provided that it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt skunks and raccoons at night, except that they may be hunted at night from October 15th to December 15th of each year under the following provisions: when accompanied by a dog and with the use of a kerosene light only; provided however, that an electric flash light of not more than 2 cells not greater in size than number 950 may be used in addition to a kerosene light while locating in and taking from a tree any raccoon treed by a dog; pro-