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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
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Legislatures

OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Ninetieth Legislature

1941

Chapter 171

AN ACT Relating to Preservation of the Records of the Department of Health and Welfare.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 8, amended. Section 8 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

'The department shall make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the custody, use and preservation of the records, papers, files and communications of the department, and especially those which pertain to the granting of public assistance. The use of such records, papers, files and communications by any other agency or department of government to which they may be furnished shall be limited to the purposes for which they are furnished and by the provisions of the law under which they may be furnished. It shall be unlawful for any person, except for purposes directly connected with the administration of public assistance and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the department, to solicit, disclose, receive, make use of, or authorize, knowingly permit, participate in, or acquiesce in the use of, any list of or names of, or any information concerning, persons applying for or receiving such assistance, directly or indirectly derived from the records, papers, files, or communications of the state or subdivisions or agencies thereof, or acquired in the course of the performance of official duties. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'

Approved April 4, 1941

Chapter 172

AN ACT Relating to the Business of Letting or Leasing for Hire of Motor Vehicles to be Used by Any Other Person, Firm or Corporation.

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

Regulation of business of letting for hire of motor vehicles. Whereas the business of letting or leasing for hire, profit or compensation of motor vehicles to be used by any other person, firm or corporation for the purpose of hauling or transporting goods, wares, merchandise or other property upon the public highways of this state affects the use of the public high-

ways by the general public, and affects the interests of the general public in procuring transportation for hire, it hereby is declared that such business requires regulation as hereinafter provided.

No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of letting or leasing for hire, profit or compensation a motor vehicle or motor vehicles to be used by any other person, firm or corporation for the purpose of hauling or transporting goods, wares or merchandise or other property upon the public highways of this state until such person, firm or corporation, owning or controlling such motor vehicle or motor vehicles shall first have filed with the public utilities commission of Maine a good and sufficient insurance policy or indemnity bond having as surety thereon a surety company authorized to transact business in this state or 2 responsible individuals (which surety or sureties shall have been approved by the commission) and which insurance policy or bond shall adequately provide for the reasonable protection of the parties of said person, firm or corporation and of the public in the collection of damages for which the operator of said motor vehicle or motor vehicles may be liable by reason of the operation thereof.

Any person, firm or corporation violating, or any officer, agent or employee of such person, firm or corporation who orders, authorizes or knowingly permits the violation of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$500.

Approved April 4, 1941

Chapter 173

AN ACT Relating to Taking of Land for Municipal Airports.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the present method of exercising eminent domain for acquiring property for aviation purposes is defective, and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that our aviation program be speeded up in view of the present national emergency, 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:

Sec. 1. P. L., 1931, c. 213, § 3, amended. Section 3 of chapter 213 of the public laws of 1931, as amended by section 3 of chapter 308 of the pub-