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OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE

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**PUBLIC LAWS**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE**

As Passed by the Ninetieth Legislature

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## CHAP. 178

'Sec. 63. Selectmen and treasurer to make reports; printed reports to be distributed before annual meeting; all town books to be open for public inspection; penalty for refusal or neglect. Persons charged with the expenditure of the money of a town shall, at least 3 days before the day of the annual meeting, make a full and detailed written or printed report, written in ink or printed on paper of not less than 50 pound basis with ink and bound in the size measuring 6 inches wide by 9 inches long, of all their financial transactions in behalf of the town during the municipal year immediately preceding, with a full account of the receipts and disbursements during that period, and to whom and for what purpose each item of the same was paid, with a statement in detail of the indebtedness and resources of the town; including a list of all unpaid taxes which have been committed to the treasurer or collector for collection, giving the names of all delinquent taxpayers and the amount due from each. Such reports, and the complete report of the audit made as provided by section 100 of this chapter, both in sufficient number, shall be deposited in the office of the selectmen for distribution to the legally qualified voters of such town at least 3 days before such annual meeting; if the selectmen have no such office, then such reports in like manner shall be deposited in a convenient place of business in such town for distribution; copies of such reports shall be kept deposited in the office of the said selectmen, or if they have no such office or usual place of business, with the town clerk, with proper vouchers for the disbursements reported, where such reports and vouchers, and all the books of the town shall be open during the usual hours of business, to the inspection of voters; and if any town officer refuses or neglects to perform any requirement of this section, or refuses to allow any voter to examine such reports, vouchers and town books, he shall be punished by a fine of \$50 for each refusal or neglect.'

Approved April 4, 1941

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## Chapter 178

### AN ACT Permitting Towns to Appropriate Money in Anticipation of State Appropriations.

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

R. S., c. 28, §75, amended. Section 75 of chapter 28 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 75. Towns having money to become available from state for road or bridge work may anticipate expenditure. Any town to which, under any legislative enactment or resolve, money will become available for road

and bridge work at the beginning of the fiscal year, may, ~~on or~~ at any time ~~after the fifteenth day of April~~ preceding the commencement of the fiscal year for which such appropriation is made, anticipate the expenditure of any appropriation for repair or improvement of a highway or bridge, by arranging to finance such work from funds of the town, or otherwise, prior to the date when such appropriation will become available, with the advice and consent of the state highway commission.'

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## Chapter 179

### AN ACT Relating to Bounty on Bears.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 38, § 72, amended. Subsection (c) of section 72 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'(c) ~~The black bear is hereby classified as a game animal. It shall be lawful to hunt and trap bear at any time, anywhere, in the state, from October 1st to November 30th, both days inclusive, and it shall also be lawful for any farmer or owner of live stock to kill bear at any time while they are on his own property; except that bear may be legally taken, in any town, plantation or unincorporated place where a bounty has been, or may be, declared under the provisions of section 79.'~~

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 38, § 79, amended. The first 2 paragraphs of section 79 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, are hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'A bounty of \$10 shall be paid for each and every bear killed in organized townships and plantations to the person killing the same by the treasurer of the organized township or plantation or by the treasurer of any adjoining township in which said bear was killed. These bounties shall be paid by the treasurers of said towns or plantations.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 38, § 79, amended. Section 79 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, beginning with the 3rd paragraph thereof, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'No bounty shall be paid unless claimant within 24 hours after he has killed such animal exhibits to the town treasurer the entire skin thereof or the entire animal for the killing of which such bounty is claimed, and sign a certificate under oath, which said treasurer may administer, stating that