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ACTS AND RESOLVES
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motor vehicles to be used in transporting such petroleum products, setting forth the make, type, rated and registered carrying capacity, serial, motor and registration numbers thereof. Such applicant shall not be granted authorization until he shall have procured a good and sufficient insurance policy or indemnity bond approved by the commission for the protection of the public in the collection of damages for which the applicant may be liable by reason of the operation of such motor vehicle.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 29, § 21, amended. Section 21 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

'Provided, however, that during such period of the present emergency as the public utilities commission may authorize, jurisdiction is hereby granted to it to issue to any person, firm, or corporation, emergency permits, upon proper application in writing, to operate motor vehicles, transporting petroleum products, having a weight greater than that specified in this chapter.'

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

Effective February 19, 1943

Chapter 16

AN ACT Relating to Compromise of Claims by Emergency Municipal Finance Boards.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 284, amended. Chapter 284 of the public laws of 1933, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 11, and to read as follows:

'Sec. 11. Voluntary compromise settlements. The board of emergency municipal finance, at any time prior to the commencement of proceedings under section 10 of this act, during the pendency of such proceedings, or after the termination thereof, when in its judgment it seems advisable to do so for the purpose of re-establishing upon a sound financial basis any municipality under its control by virtue of such action taken prior to January 1, 1943, may in behalf of such municipality offer compromise settlements to any or all of its creditors upon claims, demands or obligations of whatever nature which accrued prior to the assumption of such control by the board, and upon all interest thereon whenever accrued.

Such an offer may be made to the state of Maine upon obligations due the state, whether arising from taxes, bonds, notes or otherwise, by presentation to the treasurer of state; and upon recommendation, certification and approval in the manner prescribed in chapter 13 of the public laws of 1941, the treasurer of state shall thereupon accept and receipt for the sum or sums so offered in full and final settlement, and the balance of any such obligation shall be charged off the books of account of the state.

With respect to such obligations due any county, whether arising from taxes, bonds, notes or otherwise, such offer may be made to its county commissioners and upon acceptance of such offer by them and tender of the sum agreed upon to the county treasurer, he shall accept and receipt for the same in full and final settlement. The balance of any such obligation shall thereupon be charged off the books of account of said county.

Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as requiring any creditor or the holder of any obligation of such municipality to accept any offer of settlement made under the provisions hereof, nor shall his refusal to accept in any manner derogate from his existing rights or remedies.

Acceptance of any such offer by any creditor and payment of the sum agreed upon shall in all cases be and constitute a full and complete discharge of any such claim, demand or obligation, whether arising from taxes, bonds, notes or otherwise, and no attachment, levy, suit, action or other process or proceeding shall thereafter be commenced, maintained or prosecuted for the collection of any part thereof.'

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 17

AN ACT to Exempt Members of the Armed Forces from Poll Taxes.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, Italy, Japan and other foreign countries; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature this fact creates an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and requires 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. R. S., c. 13, § 6, sub-§ IX-A, repealed. Subsection IX-A of section 6 of chapter 13 of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 145 of the public laws of 1941, is hereby repealed.