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OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE**

As Passed by the Ninety-first Legislature

**1943**

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## Chapter 287

### AN ACT Relating to City Ordinances on Licenses for Cinematograph, Moving Pictures and Operators.

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

R. S., c. 37, additional. Chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered section 17-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 17-A. Ordinances of cities or towns to apply. The provisions of sections 14 to 17, both inclusive, of this chapter shall not apply in cities having a population of over 18,000 having ordinances or by-laws, duly enacted under enabling statutes, which are at least equal from the standpoint of safety to the requirements of these 4 sections, unless the insurance commissioner shall have evidence of the fact that such ordinance or by-law is not equal from the standpoint of safety to the requirements of these 4 sections, or unless the insurance commissioner shall have evidence that such ordinance or by-law is not being adequately enforced. In case of either of these exceptions, the insurance commissioner shall advise the municipal officers of such city or town of such evidence of inadequacy, and shall apply the requirements of said sections 14 to 17, both inclusive, to such city or town until such time as an adequate ordinance or by-law and adequate enforcement thereof shall be provided.'

Effective July 9, 1943

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## Chapter 288

### AN ACT to Authorize the State Highway Commission to Cooperate with the Public Roads Administration of the United States in the Construction and Maintenance of Flight Strips and of Certain Classes of Highways, in Order to Facilitate the War Effort.

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

Whereas, flight strips, roads, and bridges to provide access to military and naval reservations are urgently needed to facilitate the war effort; 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

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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.** State highway commission to cooperate with commissioner of public roads of the United States; contracts. The state highway commission, upon request of the commissioner of public roads of the United States, is hereby authorized to cooperate with the Public Roads Administration in the making of surveys, plans, specifications, and estimates for, and in the construction and maintenance of, flight strips and of roads and bridges necessary to provide access to military and naval reservations, to defense industries and defense-industry sites, and to sources of raw materials, and for replacing existing highways and highway connections shut off from general public use at military and naval reservations and defense-industry sites, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, may enter into contracts in any manner approved by the commissioner of public roads for the construction of any such flight strips or roads, or may perform such construction and maintenance work by force account, whether such construction and maintenance work is paid for in whole by federal funds or in part by federal funds and in part by funds provided by the state or any of its subdivisions.

**Sec. 2.** Duration of act. This act shall remain in force during the present war and for 6 months after the termination of said war.

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

Effective April 3, 1943

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## Chapter 289

### AN ACT Relating to Proceedings in the Probate Court—Birth Records of Children Proposed for Adoption.

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

R. S., c. 80, § 37, amended. Section 37 of chapter 80 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 37.** Proceedings in the probate court. Upon the filing of a petition for the adoption of a minor child the court may in its discretion notify the state bureau of social welfare. It shall then be the duty of the bureau, either through its own workers or through a delegated agency, to verify the allegations of the petition, to investigate the conditions and antecedents