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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
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STATE OF MAINE

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not include homes licensed under the provisions of sections 243 and 244 of this chapter.

The department shall inspect and investigate as frequently as it deems necessary the conditions and management of all institutions and agencies providing assistance, care, or other direct services to children who are neglected, delinquent, defective, or dependent, as well as to aged, blind, and other dependent persons, and which derive their support wholly or in part from state, county, or municipal appropriations or funds. Said institutions and agencies shall not include those of a purely educational or industrial nature, or those under the direction or inspection of the department of institutional service. ~~Any private institution providing assistance, care, or other direct services to children who are neglected, delinquent, defective, or dependent, as well as to aged, blind, and other dependent persons may, upon application and request in writing made to the department, become subject to the inspection of the department.~~

~~It shall also license and supervise all other institutions and agencies operating within the state for the care and treatment of defectives, dependents, and delinquents and shall administer all state funds and appropriations for the aid of private institutions and agencies doing health and welfare work in the state.~~

Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment of not more than 60 days.'

Effective July 21, 1945 .

Chapter 196

AN ACT Permitting the Highway Commission to Provide for Proper Traffic Control Signals, etc.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 20, amended. Chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 8-A and to read as follows:

'Sec. 8-A. Certain provisions for traffic direction and control. The state highway commission may make and shall enforce rules and regulations relating to the installation and maintenance of traffic control signals, de-

vices, signs and markings on all state, state aid and federal-aid highways. The commission may be consulted by and shall without charge advise municipal officers and road commissioners on the subject of traffic control.

The commission shall have authority to install and maintain traffic control signals, warning, regulatory, directional and informational signs, and markings, on all state and state aid highways, and highways constructed under its direction with federal funds, when, in its opinion, such signs, signals and markings are necessary for public safety and convenience.

On and after the effective date of this act on all designated state and state aid highways, the location, form, and character of informational, directional, regulatory and warning signs and traffic control signals and devices, erected by towns, shall be subject to approval of the commission.

On any highway or street hereafter constructed with federal aid in any town, the location, form, and character of informational, directional, regulatory, and warning signs, curb and pavement or other markings, and traffic signals, installed or placed by any public authority, or other agency, shall be subject to the approval of the commission with the concurrence of the public roads administration.

The commission is authorized and directed to establish a system of numbering all classes of highways which, in its opinion, is necessary for public convenience, and to publish maps from time to time showing the highways so numbered.

On all designated state and state aid highways the commission may prohibit other than one-way traffic when in its opinion such prohibition is necessary for public safety.

Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to the installation or maintenance of signals, devices, signs, lights or warnings at approaches to railroad crossings.

The issuance of any order or rule and regulation may be proved by submitting a copy thereof signed by any member of the commission and duly notarized.

Whoever violates any order or rule and regulation of the commission issued under authority of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 19, § 110, amended. Section 110 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 110. Municipalities may not alter speed limitations; may enact ordinances to regulate traffic by signal devices; may regulate speed in parks. Municipalities shall have no power to alter any speed limitations or to enact or enforce any regulations contrary to the provisions of this chapter; except that they may by ordinances or by-laws regulate traffic by means of signal devices or other appropriate methods on any portion of the way where traffic is heavy or continuous, and prohibit other than one-way traffic upon certain ways, subject, however, to the provisions of section 8-A of chapter 20. The speed of vehicles in public parks may be regulated in like manner provided there shall be erected at all entrances to such parks adequate signs giving notice of any such special speed regulations.'

Effective July 21, 1945

Chapter 197

AN ACT Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Charges Against Employers' Experience Rating Records.

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

R. S., c. 24, § 7, sub-§ (c), ¶ (1), amended. Paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of section 7 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'(1) The commission shall maintain a separate "experience rating record" for each employer, and shall credit his "experience rating record" with all the contributions which he has paid on his own behalf. But nothing in this act shall be construed to grant any employer or individuals in his service prior claims or rights to the amounts paid by him into the fund. Benefits paid to an eligible individual under the provisions of the Maine Unemployment Compensation Law shall be charged against the "experience rating record" of his employers in his base period in the inverse chronological order in which such individual was employed by such employers, but the maximum amount so charged against the "experience rating record" of any employer shall not exceed, to the nearest dollar, that proportion of 16 times the individual's weekly benefit amount, which his earnings in the base period for that employer bears to his total earnings for all employers in