

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
AS PASSED BY THE  
Ninety-first and Ninety-second  
Legislatures  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

As Passed by the Ninety-second Legislature

**1945**

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## Chapter 254

### AN ACT Relating to Use of Drugs or Appliances in Horse Racing.

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

R. S., c. 77, § 20-A, additional. Chapter 77 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 20-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 20-A. Use of drugs or appliances prohibited; penalty. Any person who attempts to or does interfere with, tamper, injure, destroy, stimulate or depress by the use of narcotics, drugs, stimulants or appliances of any kind any horse used for the purpose of racing, whether such horse be the property of such person or another, or who causes, or instigates, counsels or in any way aids or abets such interference, tampering, injury or destruction or any person who shall influence or have any understanding, arrangement or connivance with any person associated with or interested in any stable, horse, track or race in which any horse participates to prearrange the results of any such race shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 3 years, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The owner of any horse which is found to have been stimulated or doped shall be denied any part of the purse offered for such a race, and the purse shall be distributed as in case of a disqualification and all horses of such owner shall be barred from racing in this state for the balance of the racing season.'

Effective July 21, 1945

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## Chapter 255

### AN ACT Relating to the State Police Retirement System.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 13, § 1, amended. The first paragraph of section 1 of chapter 13 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a chief of the state police, to serve for a term of 4 years unless removed for cause. Such appointment may be made from the membership of the state police. He may be removed by the governor and council only after

charges have been preferred in writing and, if he so requests, after public hearing. The chief shall be the executive head of the state police and shall execute the duties of his office under the direction and subject to the approval of the governor and council. The chief of the state police may enlist suitable persons as members of the state police to enforce the provisions of law, who shall enlist for a period of 3 years.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 13, § 21, amended. Section 21 of chapter 13 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

'The provisions of this section shall apply to a member who may become chief of the state police. Such chief shall be credited with the number of years which he served as a member to be added to the number of years served as chief. Upon his request for retirement, made in writing to the governor and council, he shall receive thereafter  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the pay per year that is paid to him as chief at the time of his retirement, provided he has served at least 4 years as chief; otherwise he shall receive thereafter  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the pay per year that was paid to him as a member at the time he was appointed chief.'

Effective July 21, 1945

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## Chapter 256

### AN ACT Relative to Use of Live Decoys and Blinds.

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

R. S., c. 33, § 57, repealed and replaced. Section 57 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

'Sec. 57. Use of decoys and blinds. The provisions of this section shall apply to the waters of Kennebec river, known as Merrymeeting bay, bounded as follows: from the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin river, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadasset and Eastern rivers, and the Richmond-Dresden toll bridge on the Kennebec river, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc and Lincoln.

No artificial cover which is termed stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes, shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting bay, as described above, between 1 hour after legal shooting time and 1 hour before legal shooting time.