

# 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 361

### AN ACT Relating to Pari Mutuel Pools.

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

**Sec. 1.** R. S., c. 27, § 16, amended. The 1st sentence of section 16 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'There shall be appropriated annually from the state treasury a sum of money not to exceed 2c per inhabitant of the state and an additional sum of money equal to 5% of the amount contributed under the provisions of section 16 of chapter 77, which shall be known as the state stipend for aid and encouragement to agricultural societies and hereafter designated as the "stipend".'

**Sec. 2.** R. S., c. 77, § 18, amended. Section 18 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 18. Records.** Every person, association, or corporation conducting a race or race meet under the provisions of this chapter shall so keep its books and records as to clearly show the total number of admissions and the total amount of money contributed to every pari mutuel pool on each race separately and the amount of money received daily from admission fees, and within 60 days after the conclusion of every race meeting shall submit to the commission a complete audit of its accounts certified by a public accountant qualified to practice in this state and approved by the commission which books and records shall be subject to audit at any time by the state department of audit.'

Effective July 21, 1945

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## Chapter 362

### AN ACT to Aid Towns in Controlling Forest Fires.

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

**R. S., c. 85, § 58, repealed and replaced.** Section 58 of chapter 85 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'**Sec. 58.** Forest fire wardens; duties; compensation; penalty for refusal to assist; damages in case of neglect of wardens; reimbursement. The

selectmen of towns shall appoint annually a forest fire warden therein, who shall act and cooperate with the forest commissioner in the extinguishment of forest fires. Such forest fire warden may appoint one or more deputy forest fire wardens with the approval of the selectmen. Such selectmen shall furnish the name of such forest fire warden to the office of the state forest commissioner on or before a date 2 weeks subsequent to the annual town meeting.

The services of the forest fire wardens and the deputies named by them shall be paid for at the same rate as others within the town performing similar duties. Whenever a fire is discovered, such forest fire wardens or their deputies shall take such measures as may be necessary for its control and extinguishment. For this purpose they may call upon any persons in the town for assistance, and such persons shall receive such compensation as such forest fire wardens may determine, not exceeding the prevailing wages paid by the town, and they shall be provided with subsistence during such services, the same to be paid by the town; provided that no town shall be holden to pay for extinguishing forest fires in any year an amount greater than 1% upon its valuation for purposes of taxation. If any person so ordered to assist, and not excused from service by such forest fire wardens or their deputies on account of sickness, disability, or some important business or engagement, shall neglect to comply with such order, he shall forfeit the sum of \$10, to be recovered in an action of debt in the name and to the use of the town, by the treasurer thereof. If any person shall suffer damage from fire in consequence of the negligence or neglect of the forest fire wardens or their deputies of any town to perform the duties required by this section, such person shall have an action on the case to recover from the town where the fire occurs to the amount of his damages so sustained not to exceed 1% of the valuation of such town. This section shall also apply to cities. The chief engineers of the fire departments of cities shall be the forest fire wardens and shall have the same powers and duties in carrying out the provisions hereof as forest fire wardens of towns. In carrying out the provisions of this section, the state shall reimburse the towns and cities  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the suppression costs incurred by the forest fire wardens therein, upon approval of the forest commissioner.

There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, and the sum of \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, to carry out the provisions of this section. Any unexpended balances shall remain as a continuing carrying account to carry out the purposes of this section.'