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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
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Legislatures
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STATE OF MAINE

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of the service. ~~If service cannot be effected by registered mail as aforesaid, then the court may direct that service on the defendant be completed as in all other actions at law.~~

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 96-A, § 4, repealed and replaced. Section 4 of chapter 96-A of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 307 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 4. Disposition of fees. Of the amount of the entry fee, the judge shall receive 75c. Of the \$1.25 remaining a sufficient sum shall be applied directly on the registered postage mentioned in section 6 and the balance shall be retained by the clerk or recorder, or in towns where there is no clerk or recorder, by the judge in addition to the 75c fee mentioned above.'

Effective August 13, 1947

Chapter 279

AN ACT Prohibiting Erection of Billboards Adjacent to Turnpikes.

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

R. S., c. 20, § 122-A, additional. Chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 122-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 122-A. Restrictions on signs and billboards adjacent to turnpikes. In order to better safeguard the interests and investments of the state and its people in the state turnpike system, to afford a greater measure of protection to the users of the turnpike by elimination of dangerous hazards, to best maintain the turnpikes for the welfare of society, and to prevent the unrestricted use of signs and advertising structures and devices immediately adjacent to them, no person shall erect or maintain within 500 feet of the nearest right of way boundary line of any state turnpike any advertising sign or advertising structures or devices of any kind. As used in this section "advertising sign or advertising structure or device" shall be deemed to mean any advertising structure, sign, picture, word or device for the advertisement thereon or thereby of any commodity, service, or thing. The provisions of this section shall not apply to outdoor advertising structures, devices or displays upon the property whereon the goods so advertised are manufactured or sold, or the business or profession so advertised is carried on or practiced, or which advertise the real property upon which the same may be for sale or for rent, provided that such structures shall not exceed 10 in number or a total area of 250 square feet, and provided that such structures, devices or displays shall be within 300 feet

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of the building wherein the goods advertised are manufactured or sold, or the business or profession advertised is carried on or practiced. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.'

Effective August 13, 1947

Chapter 280

AN ACT Relating to Trapping of Beaver.

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

R. S., c. 33, § 100, sub-§ III, amended. The 4th paragraph of subsection III of section 100 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'During such open season, beaver may be trapped without the consent of the land owner, except that the owner of any land in organized towns on which the commissioner has declared an open season on beaver in accordance with the provisions of this section may, by conspicuously posting the area occupied by said beaver, against trapping and notifying the commissioner of his action, trap said beaver to the exclusion of all other persons. This right is not transferable. Provided that in any instance wherein any person, after posting the area occupied by said beaver against trapping and notifying the commissioner as set forth herein, fails to trap said beaver within 5 days, the commissioner may declare said area open to the trapping of beaver by all properly licensed persons.'

Effective August 13, 1947

Chapter 281

AN ACT Relative to Operation of Boats.

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

R. S., c. 33, § 56-A, additional. Chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 56-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 56-A. Whoever operates any boat upon any great pond, or upon any river or any inland body of water to which the public has a right of access:

- I. recklessly;
- II. at an excessive rate of speed; or