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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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'An excise shall be levied annually as herein provided with respect to each calendar year for the privilege of operating upon the public ways, each motor vehicle to be so operated, subject to the provisions of section 44, as follows: a sum equal to 23 mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the 1st or current year of model, 16½ mills for the 2nd year, 12½ mills for the 3rd year, 9 mills for the 4th year, 5½ mills for the 5th year, and 3 mills for the 6th and succeeding years; provided, however, that whenever an excise tax has been paid for the previous calendar year on the same motor vehicle the excise tax for the new calendar year shall be assessed as if the vehicle was in its next year of the model; provided, however, that persons registering under the provisions of section 54, the state and political subdivisions thereof, bona fide dealers or manufacturers of motor vehicles, which motor vehicles are solely for the purpose of demonstration and sale and which constitute stock in trade, telephone and telegraph companies subject to the excise tax set forth in sections 120 to 126, inclusive, of chapter 14, express companies subject to the excise tax as set forth in sections 127 to 130, inclusive, of chapter 14, the vehicles of charitable, benevolent, literary and scientific organizations which are used exclusively in carrying on charitable, benevolent, literary or scientific work in this state, railroad companies subject to the excise tax set forth in sections 109 to 119, inclusive, of chapter 14, excepting however, motor busses used exclusively for the transportation of passengers for hire, shall not be subject to the excise herein provided; and provided further, that in all cases where the excise tax under the preceding provisions of this section amounts to less than \$5, a minimum tax of \$5 shall be levied, except that for a bicycle with motor attached the excise tax shall be \$2.50; and provided further, that in respect to non-commercial vehicles on and after the 7th year of a model, the maximum amount to be levied as an excise tax under the provisions of this section shall be \$10.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 23

AN ACT Relating to Registration of Motor Vehicles by Minors.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 13-A, additional. Chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 13-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 13-A. Registration of motor vehicles by minors under 18; conditions. The secretary of state shall not grant the application of any minor under the age of 18 years for registration of a motor vehicle unless such application is signed by the father of the applicant, if the father is living, and has custody of the applicant, otherwise by the mother or guardian having the custody of such minor, or in the event a minor under the age of 18 years has no father, mother or guardian, then registration of a motor vehicle shall not be granted to the minor unless his application therefor is signed by his employer. Provisions of this section shall become effective for registration of motor vehicles for the registration year 1950.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 24

AN ACT Relating to Joint Bank Accounts.

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

R. S., c. 55, § 36, amended. Section 36 of chapter 55 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 79 of chapter 378 of the public laws of 1945, and by chapter 48 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further amended by repealing subsection IV thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

'IV. All such accounts opened or such shares in loan and building associations issued on or after the 1st day of September, 1949, payable to either of 2 or more, or the survivor, up to, but not exceeding an aggregate value of \$5,000, including interest and dividends, in the name of the same persons in all banks, savings banks, loan and building associations or trust companies within this state shall, in the absence of fraud or undue influence, upon the death of any of such persons, become the sole and absolute property of the survivor or survivors, even though the intention of all or any one of the parties be in whole, or in part, testamentary, and though a technical joint tenancy be not in law or fact created. The said amount which so becomes the sole and absolute property of the survivor or survivors pursuant to provisions of this subsection shall be exclusive of, and in addition to, any amounts to which such survivor or survivors are entitled under common law as contributors to such account or accounts, share or shares.