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'Sec. 16. Motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire shall procure insurance. The secretary of state shall not register any motor vehicle used for livery or hire, except as provided in section 8 of chapter 44, and no person, firm or corporation shall operate or cause to be operated upon any public highway in this state any such motor vehicle until the owner or owners thereof shall have procured insurance ~~in a sum not less than \$5,000~~ or a bond, having a surety company authorized to transact business in this state or 2 individuals as sureties thereon, ~~in a like minimum sum in the amount of \$5,000~~ because of bodily injury or death to any one person, and subject to said limit respecting 1 person, in the amount of \$10,000 because of bodily injury to or death to two or more persons in any 1 accident, and in the amount of \$1,000 because of injury to and destruction of property in any 1 accident, which insurance or bond shall be approved by the secretary of state and shall indemnify the insured against any legal liability for personal injury, the death of any person, or property damage, which injury, death or damage may result from or have been caused by the operation of the motor vehicle described in the contract of insurance or such bond.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 41

AN ACT Relating to the Issuance of Dealer's Registration.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 19, § 19, amended. The last paragraph of section 19 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 123 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Provided, however, that the secretary of state shall not issue such registration until the applicant shall have procured and filed with said secretary of state ~~insurance insuring~~ a certificate showing that the said applicant is covered by a standard automobile garage liability policy, approved by the insurance commissioner, insuring against any legal liability in accordance with the terms of said policy for personal injury or death of any 1 person in the sum of \$10,000 and for any number of persons in the sum of \$20,000 and against property damage in the sum of \$5,000, which injury, death or damage may result from or have been caused by the operation of any motor vehicle bearing such dealer's registration. In lieu of such insurance, the applicant may file with said secretary of state a bond or bonds issued by a surety company authorized to do business in the state guaranteeing the

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payment of any judgment secured against such applicant on account of any such injuries, damage or death.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 19, § 19, additional. Section 19 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 123 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph, to read as follows:

'The secretary of state shall suspend without hearing such registration within 10 days of receipt of written notice from the company that the insurance policy or bond herein required has been cancelled. He shall likewise suspend said registration upon the expiration of the policy and shall not restore same until new certification of coverage is filed by the company.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 42

AN ACT Relating to Sirens on Automobiles of Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 32, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 32 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 34 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'No signalling device shall be unnecessarily sounded so as to make a harsh, objectionable or unreasonable noise, and no bell or siren shall be installed or used on any motor vehicle except that fire and police department vehicles and ambulances may be so equipped for use only when responding to emergency calls, and such cars used by inland fisheries and game wardens as may be designated by the department of inland fisheries and game.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 43

AN ACT Relating to Increases of Capital Stock.

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

R. S., c. 41, § 23, amended. The 1st sentence of section 23 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following 3 sentences enacted in place thereof:

'Whenever a railroad corporation which is in actual possession of and operating a railroad issues capital stock having general voting rights, the