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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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taneously with a loan transaction, or otherwise, and pledged with the corporation as security for the said loan, with or without an allowance of interest on such instalments.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 134

AN ACT to Establish and Define the Civil Liability of Radio Broadcasters Relative to Libel.

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

R. S., c. 117, § 31-A, additional. Chapter 117 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 31-A and to read as follows:

'Sec. 31-A. Responsibility for libels by radio. A person shall be responsible for any libel published or uttered in or as a part of a visual or sound radio broadcast, unless he proves on trial that it was broadcast and published without his knowledge, consent or suspicion, and that by reasonable care and diligence he could not have prevented it.

In no event, however, shall any person be held liable for any damages for any defamatory statement uttered by another over the facilities of a visual or sound radio station or network by or on behalf of any candidate for public office, or in discussion of any matter referred to referendum, if such person shall have no power of censorship over the material broadcast.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 135

AN ACT Relating to Consignment of Fish, Lobsters and Shellfish.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, lobsters from Canada consigned to Maine dealers to be reconsigned to persons in other states are subject to seizure if not conforming to the laws of the state of Maine; and

Whereas, such lobsters would be shipped to other states via Maine by airplane or boat under the present law; and

Whereas, it is necessary that Maine people be allowed to transport such lobsters by truck into other states providing the provisions of this legislation are met; and