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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

Whereas, many people will lose much revenue unless this legislation is enacted; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., c. 34, § 18, amended. Section 18 of chapter 34 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 18. Application of general laws. All general laws of this state fixing or regulating minimum and maximum sizes of fish, shellfish or lobsters, or regulating or prohibiting the sale, transportation or possession of fish, shellfish or lobsters, respectively, shall apply whether the same be taken in the waters of the state of Maine or in waters of any other state, country or territory and brought into this state; except lobsters reconsigned intact in original crates by the holder of a Maine wholesale dealer's license to another such dealer in accordance with the provisions of section 114; and fish, shellfish or lobsters passing through the state under authority of the laws of the United States, or in crates that are sealed by consignor in accordance with regulations prescribed by the commissioner and with materials furnished by him, at cost, and the fines and penalties prescribed for violation of said laws respectively shall apply to the same extent.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective March 29, 1949

Chapter 136

AN ACT Relating to Liens on Logs, Lumber or Pulpwood for Advances of Money or Merchandise.

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

R. S., c. 164, amended. Chapter 164 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 55-A, to read as follows:

Sec. 55-A. Liens on logs, lumber or pulpwood for advances of money or merchandise. Whoever makes an advance or series of advances of