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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-fourth Legislature

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## Chapter 147

### AN ACT Relating to Lights on Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 116, amended. The last sentence of section 116 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 320 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'This section shall not apply to ambulances, police and fire department vehicles, vehicles operated by state, city and town fire inspectors, vehicles engaged in highway maintenance, wreckers and public utility emergency service vehicles.'

Effective August 6, 1949

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## Chapter 148

### AN ACT to Protect the Blind and Incapacitated Pedestrians on Public Streets and Highways.

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

R. S., c. 19, §§ 111-A-111-D, additional. Chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto 4 new sections to be numbered 111-A to 111-D, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Sec. 111-A. Carrying of canes regulated. It is unlawful for any person, unless totally or partially blind or otherwise incapacitated, while on any public street or highway, to carry in a raised or extended position a cane or walking stick which is white in color or white tipped with red.

Sec. 111-B. When motor vehicles to stop. Whenever a pedestrian is crossing or attempting to cross a public street or highway, guided by a guide dog or carrying in a raised or extended position a cane or walking stick which is white in color or white tipped with red, the driver of every vehicle approaching the intersection, or place where such pedestrian is attempting to cross, shall bring his vehicle to a full stop before arriving at such intersection or place of crossing, and before proceeding shall take such precautions as may be necessary to avoid injuring such pedestrian.

Sec. 111-C. Limitation. Nothing contained in sections 111-A to 111-D, inclusive, shall be construed to deprive any totally or partially blind or otherwise incapacitated person, not carrying such a cane or walking stick

or not being guided by a dog, of the rights and privileges conferred by law upon pedestrians crossing streets or highways, nor shall the failure of such totally or partially blind or otherwise incapacitated person to carry a cane or walking stick, or to be guided by a guide dog upon the streets, highways or sidewalks of this state, be held to constitute nor be evidence of contributory negligence.

Sec. III-D. Penalty. Any person who violates any provision of sections III-A to III-C, inclusive, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$25 or imprisonment for not more than 10 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'

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## Chapter 149

### AN ACT Concerning the Improvement, Protection or Preservation of Shade, Forest or Ornamental Trees.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 32, § 51, amended. Section 51 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 51. Qualification to work on trees. No person, firm or corporation shall advertise, solicit or contract to improve the condition of shade, forest or ornamental trees by pruning, trimming or filling cavities, or to protect such trees from damage by insects or disease, either by spraying or any other method, or to spray such trees for control of any insect, without having secured a certificate as specified in section 52; except that any person may improve or protect any trees on his own premises or on the property of his employer without securing such a certificate.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 32, § 52, amended. Section 52 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 52. Certificate may be issued; examination and forms; fees; rates; application; penalty. The forest commissioner, state entomologist and a botanist, to be appointed by the forest commissioner, shall constitute a board which shall, upon application from any person, firm or corporation, determine the qualifications of the applicant to improve, protect or preserve shade, ornamental or forest trees, or to spray such trees, and if satisfied that the applicant is qualified, may issue a certificate so stating; which certificate shall be valid for 1 year from the date of its issue, unless sooner