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### **ACTS AND RESOLVES**

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### Chapter 313

AN ACT Relating to Rules and Regulations of the State Liquor Commission.

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

R. S., c. 57, § 6, sub-§ VII, amended. Subsection VII of section 6 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'VII. To adopt rules, requirements and regulations, not inconsistent with this chapter or other laws of the state, the observance of which shall be conditions precedent to the granting of any license to sell liquor, including malt liquor. These rules, requirements and regulations may include the character of any applicant, the location of the place of business, and the manner in which it has been operated; and the determination by the commission whether or not to grant a license shall be final.'

Effective August 6, 1949

#### Chapter 314

AN ACT Relating to the Inspection and Regulation of Dog Kennels.

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

R. S., c. 88, § 9-A, additional. Chapter 88 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 9-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 9-A. Inspection and regulation of dog kennels. The commissioner of agriculture or his authorized representative, or any humane agent, police officer or dog officer, within his jurisdiction upon complaint may at any time inspect or cause to be inspected any kennel licensed pursuant to the provisions of the preceding section, and if in their or his judgment, the same is not being maintained in a sanitary and humane manner, or if the records required by law are not properly kept, such representative, police officer, or dog officer shall make complaint to the commissioner of agriculture, setting forth conditions and irregularities complained of, a copy of which complaint shall be given to the licensee, owner or operator of said kennel either in person or by registered mail; whereupon the commissioner of agriculture shall appoint a time and place for hearing not less than 48 hours after the filing of said complaint, and if after hearing, the allega-

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tions of said complaint are found true, said commissioner shall by order revoke or suspend such kennel license until said licensee shall give satisfactory evidence of full compliance with all provisions of law and regulations for humane treatment, protection and sanitation of said dogs and kennels.

For a second offense under the provisions of this section, the kennel license shall be permanently revoked.'

Effective August 6, 1949

#### Chapter 315

AN ACT to Regulate Livestock Community or Commission Auctions.

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

R. S., c. 27, §§ 31-A-31-F, additional. Chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 6 new sections to be numbered 31-A to 31-F, inclusive, to read as follows:

#### Livestock Community or Commission Auctions

- Sec. 31-A. Purpose. Whereas community or commission auctions are increasing throughout the country, and if properly controlled are a benefit to the livestock industry, it is desirable to set up legislation to prohibit the spread of disease and protect the public.
- Sec. 31-B. Permit for community or commission auctions. No person, partnership, association or corporation shall hold or conduct community and commission livestock auctions or sales rings without obtaining a permit from the commissioner of agriculture or his duly authorized agent. No permit shall be granted unless the buildings are so constructed that they can be readily cleaned and disinfected between each sale, and are so arranged that the chances of spread of disease are held at a minimum.
- Sec. 31-C. Bond. The operator shall furnish bond of sufficient size to protect the consignors of the sale; provided, however, the aggregate liability of the surety to all such consignors shall in no event exceed the sum of said bond. The operator shall keep complete records of all sales transactions which shall be available for inspection by the commissioner of agriculture or his agent.
- Sec. 31-D. Rules and regulations. The commissioner of agriculture shall make rules and regulations necessary to protect the health of animals