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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

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'VI. No damage shall be paid under the provisions of this chapter if any part of the land on which the damage occurred shall have been posted against hunting at any time during the current or previous open season for deer hunting.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 398

AN ACT Relative to Sale of Wild Hares and Rabbits.

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

R. S., c. 33, § 95, amended. Section 95 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new paragraph, to read as follows:

'It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any wild hares or wild rabbits.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 399

AN ACT Relating to the Duties of the Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Inspectors.

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

R. S., c. 85, § 29, repealed and replaced. Section 29 of chapter 85 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 8 of chapter 188 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 29. Insurance commissioner may incur expense for administration of fire preventive laws. The insurance commissioner may incur such expense and appoint a director of state fire prevention and such state fire inspectors, subject to provisions of the personnel law, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of all fire preventive and investigative laws, rules and regulations which he is by law empowered to administer. He may also incur reasonable expenses in educating the public in fire prevention and protection. The director of state fire prevention and state fire inspectors appointed under the provisions of this section shall carry out those functions which the commissioner may direct. Every fire insurance company or as-

sociation which does business or collects premiums or assessments in the state shall pay to the state tax assessor on the 1st day of May, annually, in addition to the taxes now imposed by law to be paid by such companies or associations, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the gross direct premiums for fire risks written in the state during the preceding calendar year, less the amount of all direct return premiums thereon and all dividends paid to policyholders on direct fire premiums during said calendar year. The state tax assessor shall pay over all receipts from such tax to the treasurer of state daily. Said funds shall be used solely to defray the expenses incurred by the insurance commissioner in administering all fire preventive and investigative laws, rules and regulations and in educating the public in fire safety and are appropriated for such purposes.

Whenever there shall accumulate in the special fund created by this section a surplus sufficient to defray the expenses of such administration for an ensuing period of 1 year, then, in the discretion of the insurance commissioner, the foregoing special tax for that year may be omitted, and the insurance commissioner shall certify to the state tax assessor that the special tax is to be omitted and said certification is to be made not later than the 31st day of January of the year in which the tax would otherwise be assessed. The premium tax return shall be made at the same time and in the same manner as provided for insurance premium taxes specified in section 136 of chapter 14.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 400

AN ACT Providing for the Construction, Maintenance and Improvement of Controlled Access Highways.

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

R. S., c. 20, §§ 5-A-5-G, additional. Chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new sections to be numbered sections 5-A to 5-G, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Sec. 5-A. Controlled access highways defined. A controlled access highway is a highway on which, in the interest of safety and efficiency of operation, abutting property owners have no right of direct access and on which the type and location of all access connections are determined and controlled by the commission.