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Chapter 82

AN ACT Relating to Serial Numbers of Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 13, amended. The 1st sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 13 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

~~'The secretary of state shall maintain a file of said applications arranged alphabetically according to the name of the applicant and in addition there-
to shall maintain a file arranged under the name of each make of motor
vehicle with the manufacturer's engine or serial numbers and numerically
according to registration number.'~~

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 83

AN ACT Relating to Tax Lien Fees.

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

R. S., c. 81, § 97, amended. The last sentence of section 97 of chapter 81 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

~~'The costs to be paid by the town and charged to the taxpayer for said
notice and filing shall be \$2 together with the cost of registered mail and
also the sum of \$1 to be charged by the register of deeds for such filing
shall be \$1 for the notice, plus registered mail fees, and \$1 for filing lien,
said sums to be payable to the tax collector, and \$1 payable to the register
of deeds for recording, and the fee for recording the discharge of such lien
shall be 75c.'~~

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 84

AN ACT to Clarify Certain Provisions of the Institutional Service Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 23, § 27, amended. The 1st sentence of section 27 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Each convict, except those sentenced to imprisonment for life, whose record of conduct shows that he has faithfully observed all the rules and requirements of the prison, shall be entitled to a deduction of 7 days per month from the minimum term of his sentence, commencing on the first day of his arrival at the prison.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 23, § 66, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 66 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'When a male over the age of 16 years and under the age of 36 years is convicted by any court or trial justice having jurisdiction of the offense, of an offense punishable by imprisonment in the state prison, or in any county jail, or in any house of correction, such court or trial justice may order his commitment to the reformatory for men, or sentence him to any other punishment provided by law for the same offense; provided, however, that any such person known by the court or trial justice having jurisdiction of the offense to have been previously committed to a state prison shall not be committed to said reformatory. When a male is ordered committed to the reformatory for men, the court or trial justice ordering the commitment shall not prescribe the limit thereof, but no male committed to the reformatory as aforesaid shall be held for more than ~~5~~ 3 years ~~if convicted for a felony; nor for more than 2 years if convicted for a misdemeanor.~~

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 23, § 152, amended. Section 152 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 152. Management of school; ages of inmates. The Pownal state school, heretofore established at Pownal, in the county of Cumberland, shall be maintained for the care and education of idiotic and feeble-minded males and females, between the ages of 6 5 years and ~~40~~ 55 years, ~~and females, between the ages of 6 years and 45 years~~ except that idiotic and feeble-minded state paupers ~~of either sex~~ or patients transferred from either state hospital for the insane under the provisions of this chapter may be admitted after the above stated ~~ages~~ age.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 133, § 6, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 6 of chapter 133 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 63 of the public laws of 1945 and by section 2 of chapter 334 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'A municipal court may place children under the age of 17 years under the supervision, care and control of a probation officer or an agent of the department of health and welfare or may order the child to be placed in a suitable family home subject to the supervision of a probation officer or the department of health and welfare or may commit such child to the department of health and welfare or make such other disposition as may seem

best for the interests of the child and for the protection of the community including holding such child for the grand jury or commitment of such child to the Pownal State School upon certification of 2 physicians who are graduates of some legally organized medical college and have practiced 3 years in this state, that such child is mentally defective and that his or her mental age is not greater than $\frac{3}{4}$ of subject's life age nor under 3 years, or to the state school for boys or state school for girls; but no boy shall be committed to the state school for boys who is under the age of 9 years and no girl shall be committed to the state school for girls who is under the age of 9 years, and no municipal court shall sentence a child under the age of 17 years to jail ~~reformatory~~ or prison; any child or his next friend or guardian may appeal to the superior court in the same county in the same manner as in criminal appeals, and the court may accept the personal recognition of such child, next friend or guardian, and said superior court may either affirm such sentence or order of commitment or make such other disposition of the case as may be for the best interests of such child and for the peace and welfare of the community.'

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 85

AN ACT Relating to Markers for Town Lines.

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

R. S., c. 20, § 81, amended. Section 81 of chapter 20 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 81. Markers for town lines. Suitable markers shall be placed by the state highway commission on all trunk line roads and all state aid roads, designating the point of entry and exit to and from the several cities and towns along the lines of said highways.

~~The state highway commission shall furnish the proper signs, and the several cities and towns shall furnish the necessary posts and erect the signs.~~ The cost to the state for carrying out the provisions of this section shall be paid from funds available for the maintenance of state and state aid highways.'

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