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Chapter 248

AN ACT to Provide Special Number Plates for Certain Officials.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 17, additional. Section 17 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new paragraph as follows:

'The secretary of state shall, upon application therefor by members of the executive council, members of the legislature, president of the senate, speaker of the house, secretary of the senate and the clerk of the house, issue I pair of specially designed number plates and a certificate of registration for I designated motor vehicle owned or controlled by each of the officials named herein. The color, shape, size, lettering and numbering of such special plates shall be determined by the secretary of state, except that plates issued to members of the legislature, other than the president of the senate and speaker of the house, shall bear the number of the seat assigned to such member. Plates issued to members of the executive council shall bear a numeral designating the councillor district they represent. Such plates shall be issued for and attached to only such motor vehicle as is currently registered in accordance with the provisions of section 13 of this chapter. Such special plates may be displayed in lieu of the regular number plates issued for such vehicles. A fee of \$2 shall be paid to the secretary of state upon application. Such special number plates shall be valid only during the term of office for which the registrant is elected. In case the office is for any cause vacated during said term, such special number plates and registration certificate shall be immediately surrendered to the secretary of state.'

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 249

AN ACT Relative to the Dismissal of Conservators.

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

R. S., c. 145, § 9, amended. Section 9 of chapter 145 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph, to read as follows:

'The judge of probate may dismiss any conservator when it appears necessary, or at his own request, or when the judge shall find that the per-

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son under conservatorship has become capable of managing his own estate with prudence and understanding. If the case requires it, the judge may appoint another conservator in place of the former one. But previous to such removal, except at his own request, personal notice shall be given to the conservator, or public notice if his residence is out of the state or unknown, to appear and show cause to the contrary.'

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 250

AN ACT Imposing a Sales and Use Tax.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the essential needs of state government require that additional revenue be raised by this legislature; and

Whereas, the revenue to be collected under the provisions of this act may not be sufficient to provide for said needs during the next fiscal biennium unless the tax is imposed on retail sales made on and after the date of beginning of the next fiscal year, namely, July 1, 1951; and

Whereas, it is necessary to proceed immediately to create and organize an efficient administrative agency for the collection of said tax on and after July 1, 1951; 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:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 14-A additional. The revised statutes are hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter to be numbered 14-A, to read as follows:

'CHAPTER 14-A.

SALES AND USE TAX LAW.

Sec. 1. Title. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Sales and Use Tax Law."

Sec. 2. Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases when used in this chapter have the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

"Advertisement" means any public announcement of whatever kind or character, and includes any notice or announcement in any radio or tele-