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duties given the fire inspector by virtue of section 22; shall have the same powers and duties given to fire inspectors, boards of engineers and chiefs of fire departments by virtue of sections 46, 47, 48 and 49, except that in case of conflict in authority between state, county and town fire officials, the order of final determination or decision shall be first in the state, second in the county and third in the town fire officials.'

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 292

AN ACT Relating to Designation of Through Ways by Highway Commission.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 19, § 78, amended. Section 78 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 78. Highway commission may designate "through ways"; limitations; penalty. For the purposes of this section, the state highway commission may from time to time designate certain state and state aid highways and county and town ways connecting such state and state aid highways as "through ways," and may after notice revoke any such designation; provided, however, that within the compact or built up portion of any city, town or village as defined in section 102 such designation of through ways shall be made by the state highway commission only with the approval of the municipal officers thereof, and further provided that the state highway commission after notice shall revoke such designation upon the petition of the said municipal officers. The municipal officers of any city, village or town may designate certain other ways under their jurisdiction as "through ways" and may after notice revoke such designation. No such designation of a through way shall become effective as to regulation of traffic at such a point of intersection until said commission or municipal officers shall have caused suitable warning signs or signals to be erected at or near such point. Such signs and signals shall be prima facie evidence that said signs and signals were erected in accordance with the provisions of this section. For the purposes of this section, a way joining a through way at an angle, whether or not it crosses the same, shall be deemed to intersect it, and the word "way," unless the context otherwise requires, shall include a through or other way. The state highway commission or municipal officers may also designate any intersection under their respective jurisdictions as a stop intersection and erect stop signs at one or

more entrances. The same rules and penalties shall apply in regard to these stop signs as are in effect for stop signs at "through ways."

Any person who violates the provisions of this section, and any person who removes, destroys, damages or defaces any sign or signal erected by or under the direction of the state highway commission as herein provided shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50, or by imprisonment for not more than 60 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'

Sec. 2. Validating clause. All "stop signs," so called, installed as of January 1, 1951 are hereby validated and declared to be erected under the provisions of section 78 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes of 1944.

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 19, § 102, sub-§ III, amended. Subsection III of section 102 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by repealing the last sentence thereof.

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 293

AN ACT Relating to Fines for Overloaded Trucks.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 134, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 134 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'All fines and forfeitures collected under the provisions of this chapter shall accrue to the county where the offense is prosecuted; except that all fines and forfeitures collected for overload violations shall accrue to the general highway fund.'

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 294

AN ACT Relating to Taxation of Bottled Gas Equipment.

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

R. S., c. 81, § 13, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 13 of chapter 81 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding after the 1st sentence thereof, a new sentence, to read as follows:

'For the purposes of this subsection, "personal property employed in