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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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## Ninety-sixth Legislature

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## Chapter 188

### AN ACT Relating to Residence Requirement for Divorce.

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

R. S., c. 153, § 55, amended. Section 55 of chapter 153 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 55. Causes for divorce; jurisdiction. A divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed in the county where either party resides at the commencement of proceedings, for causes of adultery, impotence, extreme cruelty, utter desertion continued for 3 consecutive years next prior to the filing of the libel, gross and confirmed habits of intoxication from the use of intoxicating liquors, opium or other drugs, cruel and abusive treatment, or, on the libel of the wife, where the husband being of sufficient ability or being able to labor and provide for her, grossly or wantonly and cruelly refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance for her; provided that the parties were married in this state or cohabited here after marriage, or if the libelant resided here when the cause of divorce accrued, or had resided here in good faith for ~~1 year~~ 6 months prior to the commencement of proceedings, or if the libelee is a resident of this state. When both parties have been guilty of adultery, or there is collusion between them to procure a divorce, it shall not be granted. Either party may be a witness. The superior court, or any justice thereof in vacation, has jurisdiction of libels for divorce in all counties.'

Effective August 8, 1953

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## Chapter 189

### AN ACT Relating to Circuses and Travelling Amusement Shows.

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

R. S., c. 88, § 53, amended. Section 53 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the 1st paragraph thereof a new paragraph, to read as follows:

'The license shall be further conditioned that there shall be no display of advertising of licensee's circus or travelling amusement show contrary to the provisions of sections 111, 112 and 122-B of chapter 20, and section 34 of chapter 118, relating to outdoor advertising; that the licensee shall

at all times and at least once each week keep the commissioner informed of proposed changes in itinerary or location; and that the licensee shall conform to all lawful rules and regulations promulgated by the insurance commissioner relating to circuses and travelling amusement shows. The license shall be further conditioned that such licensee shall remove all displays of advertising within 4 days after leaving any town where such exhibitions or performances have been exhibited. Breach of any condition in the license shall be a cause for immediate suspension or revocation of the license, in the discretion of the commissioner.'

Effective August 8, 1953

## Chapter 190

### AN ACT Clarifying the Excise Tax on Aircraft.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 19, § 39-A, amended. The 1st sentence of section 39-A of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 358 of the public laws of 1949, and as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'An excise tax shall be levied annually as herein provided with respect to each calendar year commencing April 1 for the privilege of operating aircraft within this state.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 19, § 40, amended. The last sentence of section 40 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'If such payment is made to the state, the secretary of state is authorized to receive the same and to give a receipt therefor, or, in the case of aircraft, the aeronautics commission is authorized to receive the same and to give a receipt therefor.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 19, § 44, amended. Section 44 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 44. Tax  $\frac{1}{2}$  during certain period. The excise tax, during the period beginning with September 1st and ending with December 31st, ~~or in the case of aircraft, beginning with December 1st and ending with March 31st~~ shall be  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the sum named in sections 38 or 39-A.'

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