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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-sixth Legislature

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'Sec. 15. Organization of department of finance and administration. The department of finance and administration shall be organized into bureaus, as follows:

- I. Bureau of accounts and control, the head of which shall be the state controller;
- II. Bureau of purchases, the head of which shall be the state purchasing agent;
- III. Bureau of taxation, the head of which shall be the state tax assessor;
- IV. Such other bureaus, departments and agencies as may by statute be designated as being under this department.'

Sec. 6. Amendatory clause. Wherever in the revised statutes or public laws, the words "commissioner of finance" or "department of finance" appear they shall mean 'commissioner of finance and administration' or 'department of finance and administration'.

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 266

AN ACT Relating to the Sales Tax on Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 14-A, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 14-A of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 250 of the public laws of 1951, is hereby amended by inserting in alphabetical order the following new paragraphs, to read as follows:

'"Farm tractor" means any self-propelled vehicle designed and used primarily as a farm implement for drawing plows, mowing machines and other implements of husbandry.'

'"Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle designed for the conveyance of passengers or property on the public highways.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 14-A, § 10-A, additional. Chapter 14-A of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 250 of the public laws of 1951,

is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 10-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 10-A. Tax only upon difference between sale price of purchased motor vehicle or farm tractor and sale price of vehicle or vehicles or farm tractor or tractors traded in. When one or more motor vehicles or farm tractors are traded in toward the sale price of another motor vehicle or farm tractor, the tax imposed by the provisions of this chapter shall be levied only upon the difference between the sale price of the purchased motor vehicle or farm tractor and the sale price of the motor vehicle or vehicles or farm tractor or tractors taken in trade.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 267

AN ACT Relating to Civil Defense.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, recent events have shown that there is an imperative need for an adequate civil defense and public safety program in order to protect the citizens of this state; and

Whereas, the existing provisions of law for the development of civil defense and public safety are inadequate; and

Whereas, it is deemed necessary to protect civil defense and public safety workers in the performance of their duties, so all citizens will participate; and

Whereas, unsettled world conditions require our utmost vigilance; 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. 11-A, § 5, repealed and replaced. Section 5 of chapter 11-A of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 298 of the public laws of 1949, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 5. **Public safety council.** There is hereby created a public safety council, which shall be composed of 5 members. All members shall be ap-