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AS PASSED BY THE

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Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 243, amended. Section 243 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof a new sentence, to read as follows:

'The department shall establish and pay reasonable fees to the municipal official or the insurance commissioner for each such inspection.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 253-F, amended. Section 253-F of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 355 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentences:

'No such license shall be issued until the applicant has furnished the department with a written statement signed by the insurance commissioner or the proper municipal official designated in chapter 85 to make fire safety inspections that the home and premises comply with the provisions of said chapter 85 relating to fire safety. The department shall establish and pay reasonable fees to the municipal official or the insurance commissioner for each such inspection. Said written statement shall be furnished annually thereafter.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 282

AN ACT Relating to Permits for Moving Heavy Objects Over Highways.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 89, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 89 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 5 of chapter 348 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Jurisdiction is vested in the state highway commission to grant emergency permits upon proper application in writing to move objects having a length or width or height or weight greater than specified in this chapter over any way or bridge upon which the money of the state has been expended or over which said commission has assumed control; and like permits may be granted by county commissioners, municipal officers, superintendents of streets or other road officials having charge of the repair and maintenance of any other way or bridge. The fee for such permits shall be not less than \$2, nor more than \$10, to be determined, on the basis of

weight, height, length and width, by the state highway commission. All vehicles granted emergency permits under this section, because object to be moved is over legal maximum weight, must first be registered or hold a short-term permit for the maximum legal gross weight allowed such vehicle.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 283

AN ACT Relating to Following Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 106-A, additional. Chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 106-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 106-A. Following too closely. The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition of the highway.

The driver of any motor vehicle drawing another vehicle when traveling upon a roadway outside of a business or residential district and which is following another motor vehicle drawing another vehicle shall whenever conditions permit leave sufficient space so that an overtaking vehicle may enter and occupy such space without danger, except that this shall not prevent a motor vehicle drawing another vehicle from overtaking and passing any like vehicle or other vehicle.

Motor vehicles being driven upon any roadway outside of a business or residential district in a caravan or motorcade whether or not towing other vehicles shall be so operated as to allow sufficient space between each such vehicle or combination of vehicles so as to enable any other vehicle to enter and occupy such space without danger. This provision shall not apply to funeral processions.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to motor trucks as provided in section 106.'

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