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AS PASSED BY THE

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Chapter 298

AN ACT Relating to Deception as to Prices of Motor Vehicle Fuel.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 88, § 168, amended. Section 168 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 168. Deception; adulteration or misbranding. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation within this state to store, sell, distribute, transport, expose for sale or offer for sale, distribution or transportation any internal combustion engine fuels, lubricating oils or other similar products in any manner whatsoever so as to deceive or tend to deceive the purchaser as to the nature, quality, price and identity of the product so sold or offered for sale or which is adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of sections 168 to 175, inclusive.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 88, § 174-A, additional. Chapter 88 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 174-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 174-A. Deception as to price prohibited. Every retail dealer in internal combustion engine fuel advertising the price of such engine fuel on any sign shall include in the price shown on such sign all taxes imposed with respect to the manufacture or sale of the motor fuel offered for sale, and every such sign shall either contain a statement of the taxes included in said price, or, without specifying the amount thereof, shall state that such taxes are included in said price. All figures, including fractions, upon said signs, other than figures and fractions used in any price computing mechanism constituting a part of any pump or dispensing device, shall be of the same size.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 299

AN ACT Relating to Examination of Domestic Insurance Companies.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 56, § 9, amended. Section 9 of chapter 56 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 12 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence:

'Provided, however, that a domestic mutual insurance company doing its direct business entirely within the state of Maine shall be examined biennially.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 56, § 272, amended. The last sentence of the 1st paragraph of section 272 of chapter 56 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 6 of chapter 15 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Every insurance company shall also pay all traveling expenses incurred by order of the commissioner in making the examination required by law, except, however, that a domestic mutual insurance company doing its direct business entirely within the state of Maine shall not be required to pay any of the expenses of the examination.'

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 300

AN ACT Relating to Penalty for Selling Narcotic Drugs to Minors.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 125, § 12, amended. Section 12 of chapter 125 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 12. Selling or giving intoxicating liquor to any child under 16 years. Whoever sells or gives to any child under the age of 16 years, or furnishes any such child with intoxicating liquor ~~or narcotic drugs in any form~~ or encourages such child to use the same, unless prescribed by a physician or otherwise used in case of sickness, shall be deemed guilty of encouraging, causing or contributing to the delinquency or distress of such child and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 60 days.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 125, § 12-A, additional. Chapter 125 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 12-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 12-A. Selling narcotic drugs to children. Whcever sells, gives, administers or dispenses or conspires to sell, give, administer or dispense marijuana or any substance defined as a narcotic drug under laws of this