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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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Whereas, in order to permit spouses and minor children of such members to fish, it is vitally necessary that the following legislation become effective as soon as possible; 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:

R. S., c. 37, § 39, sub-§ XII, amended. Subsection XII of section 39 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'XII. A license to hunt or fish shall be issued, at the resident license fee, to any member of the armed forces of the United States of America who is a citizen of the United States and stationed at some military or naval post, station or base within the State, or his or her spouse or minor child who is at least 16 years of age. Said member of the armed forces, desiring a hunting or fishing license, must present certification from the commander of said post, station or base, or his designated agent, that the person mentioned in the certification is stationed at or attached to said post, station or base.

Licenses shall be issued by the clerk of the town in which said military or naval post, station or base is situated.

Holders of such licenses shall be subject to all the laws of the State and the rules and regulations of the Commissioner regulating hunting and fishing; and for violations of said laws or rules and regulations, such license shall be revoked in the same manner as provided in this chapter for the revocation of hunting and fishing licenses.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective February 24, 1955

Chapter 10

AN ACT Relating to Facsimile Signature of Secretary of State and Power of Deputy in Certain Motor Vehicle Notices.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 6, amended. The 1st sentence of section 6 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The Secretary of State or the Deputy Secretary of State may suspend or revoke any certificate of registration or any license issued to any person to operate a motor vehicle after hearing for any cause which he deems sufficient.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 7, amended. Section 7 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 7. Appeal. If any person is aggrieved by the decision of the Secretary of State or the Deputy Secretary of State in revoking or suspending a license or certificate of registration or by the refusal of the Secretary of State or the Deputy Secretary of State to issue a license or certificate of registration, he may within 10 days thereafter appeal to any Justice of the Superior Court, by presenting to him a petition therefor, in term time or vacation. Such Justice shall fix a time and place for hearing, which may be in vacation, and cause notice thereof to be given to the Secretary of State; and after hearing such Justice may affirm or reverse the decision of the Secretary of State or the Deputy Secretary of State and the decision of such Justice shall be final. Pending judgment of the court, the decision of the Secretary of State or the Deputy Secretary of State in revoking or suspending any license or certificate of registration shall remain in full force and effect.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 7-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 7-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 7-A. Facsimile signature of Secretary of State. A facsimile of the signature of the Secretary of State imprinted by or at his direction upon any precept or notice to suspend or revoke any certificate of registration or any license issued to any person to operate a motor vehicle shall have the same validity as his written signature.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 11

AN ACT Relating to Stipend to Agricultural Societies.

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

R. S., c. 32, § 17, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 17 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'There shall be appropriated annually from the State Treasury a sum of money not to exceed 2c per inhabitant of the State, and an additional sum of money equal to 5% of the amount contributed under the provisions of section 15 of chapter 86, and an additional sum of money as provided and limited by the provisions of section 14 of chapter 86, which shall be known as the state stipend for aid and encouragement to agricultural societies and hereafter designated as the "stipend." This From the state stipend the Commissioner may expend annually a sum not to exceed 2% for administrative and inspection services. The balance of this stipend shall be divided among the legally incorporated agricultural clubs, societies, counties and fair associations of the State, hereafter in this chapter designated as "societies," according to the following schedule and method. Said stipend shall be divided pro rata among the legally incorporated societies, not heretofore provided for, according to the amount of premiums and gratuities actually paid in full and in cash of valuable equivalent by said societies upon horses, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry and agricultural and domestic products, but no such society whether specifically mentioned in this chapter or otherwise shall be entitled to any share of the stipend unless it shall have complied with the following requirements, which shall be considered by the Commissioner as the basis upon which his apportionment of the stipend shall be made as provided in this section. No premiums or gratuities shall be considered by the said Commissioner in apportioning the amount of stipend to which any so-