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AS PASSED BY THE

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'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-

ciety is entitled except those offered and paid upon horses, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, vegetables, grain, fruit, flowers, products derived from horses, cattle, sheep, swine, home canned foods, grange exhibits, farm exhibits, boys' and girls' club exhibits, exhibits of the mechanical arts, domestic and fancy articles produced in the farm home and pulling contests by horses and oxen. No society shall be entitled to any share of the stipend unless it shall have notified the Commissioner in writing at least 10 days in advance of the date and place of its annual exhibition. No society, the Maine State Pomological Society excepted, shall receive from the State a sum greater than that actually raised and paid by the society as premiums and gratuities in the classes herein provided, and in no case shall any society be entitled to any share of the stipend unless it shall have raised and paid in premiums in the classes heretofore set forth at least \$200. No society shall receive any portion of the stipend in excess of \$10,000, except that such limitation shall not apply to any additional stipend provided for by the provisions of section 14 of chapter 86 or the provisions of section 13 of chapter 87. No society shall receive any portion of such stipend unless it shall have regularly entered and displayed in an attractive manner upon its exhibition grounds distinct exhibits or entries of vegetables, fruits, grains or dairy products, or of subordinate and other granges and 4-H clubs, of a quality acceptable to the Commissioner or his regularly authorized agent and of varieties known to be common or standard to the county in which such exhibition is held. No society shall be entitled to any share of the stipend unless all cattle to be shown or exhibited shall have come from herds wherein all animals were negative to the tuberculin tests within 1 year of the opening date of the show.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 12

AN ACT Relating to Turning Signals on Fire Department Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 125-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 125-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 125-A. Fire departments exempted. The provisions of sections 123 to 125, inclusive, shall not apply to vehicles operated by organized fire departments.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 13

AN ACT Relating to Maine Forestry District Taxes.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves passed by the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, all Maine Forestry District taxes are assessed as of April 1; and