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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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Whereas, the State Board of Tax Equalization made a revaluation of the real estate in 1954, which affects the Maine Forestry District income making it possible to reduce the forest fire tax rate; 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. 36, § 96, amended. The 1st sentence of section 96 of chapter 36 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'A tax of  $\frac{5}{2}$   $4\frac{3}{4}$  mills on the dollar is assessed upon all the property in the Maine Forestry District, including rights in public reserved lots, to be used for the protection thereof.'

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

Effective February 24, 1955

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## Chapter 14

### AN ACT Relating to Weighing Vehicles by Officers.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 110, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 110 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Any police officer may require the driver of any motor vehicle described in ~~section~~ sections 36 and 109 to stop and submit to a weighing of the same by means of either portable or stationary scales. If such scales are not available at the place where such vehicle is stopped, the police officer may require that such vehicle be driven to the nearest public scales capable of weighing said vehicle and load if such does not increase by more than 5 miles the distance which said vehicle may reasonably travel to reach its destination.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 15

### AN ACT Repealing Separate Bids for Purchase of Institutional Supplies.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 37, repealed. Section 37 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed as follows:

'Sec. 37. Institution supplies to be bid for separately. The state purchasing agent, in requesting bids for institutional supplies, shall list the articles on which bids are requested under the names of the institutions for which

they are desired. Bids shall be made on any or all of the articles listed, each bid being made for the supply of a specific article or articles to the particular institution without reference to those otherwise listed.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 16

### AN ACT Relating to Audience Participation in Radio or Television Amusements or Games.

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

R. S., c. 139, § 28, additional. Chapter 139 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 28, to read as follows:

'Sec. 28. Audience participation in radio or television amusements or games. Nothing contained in this chapter shall apply to or prohibit the conducting or operating over television or radio with audience participation of any amusement, game or program, whether or not the same involves the awarding of prizes or the element of chance, provided the participants pay no consideration in cash or other property directly or indirectly for the privilege of participating therein.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 17

### AN ACT Relating to Expenditure of Town Road Improvement Funds.

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

R. S., c. 23, § 62, amended. Section 62 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 62. Expenditures. The expenditures of this fund shall not exceed the sum of ~~\$3,000~~ \$6,000 in any 1 mile. The various towns shall furnish all local road material, including rocks, sand, gravel, etc., and shall assume and pay any cost or damages arising from any change in location, grade or drainage.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 18

### AN ACT Relating to Gross Weight of Trucks, Tractors and Other Commercial Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 36, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 36 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows: