

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

Published by the Director of Legislative Research in accordance with subsection VI of section 27 of chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes of 1954.

---

KENNEBEC JOURNAL  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
1955

---

---

PUBLIC LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Ninety-seventh Legislature

1955

---

---

## Chapter 21

### AN ACT Relating to Right of Way for Police and Fire Vehicles, and Ambulances.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 92, amended. Section 92 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 92. Police and fire department vehicles and ambulances have right of way. Police, fire department, traffic emergency repair vehicles and ambulances, when operated in response to calls, shall have the right of way; and on the approach of any such vehicle, from any direction, and when such vehicle is sounding a siren, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately draw his vehicle as near as practicable to the right-hand curb and parallel thereto and bring it to a standstill until such public service vehicles have passed. ~~The person in control of a street car shall also immediately stop said car upon the approach of fire apparatus and keep it stationary until such apparatus has passed.~~

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 22

### AN ACT Clarifying the Definitions of "Compact."

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

R. S., c. 23, § 2, amended. The last sentence of section 2 of chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'As used in this chapter, and all amendments and additions thereto, unless otherwise defined therein, the words "compact or built up section" shall mean a section of the highway where buildings structures are nearer than 200 feet apart for a distance of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile.'

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 23

### AN ACT Repealing the Size of Smoked Herring Boxes in Fish Packing.

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

R. S., c. 38, § 23, repealed. Section 23 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed, as follows:

'Sec. 23. Size of smoked herring boxes. No person, firm or corporation engaged in the state in buying, selling or packing of smoked herring shall sell or offer for sale smoked herring in boxes of less than the following dimensions; 2 inches in depth, 6 inches in width, inside measure, and 12 inches in length, outside measure. ~~Whoever packs, sells or offers for sale smoked~~

~~herring in boxes in violation of this section shall forfeit 25¢ for each box so packed, sold or offered for sale; but this section does not apply to boxes of boneless herring.~~

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 24

### AN ACT Relating to Service on Foreign Corporations.

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

R. S., c. 53, § 127, amended. Section 127 of chapter 53 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraphs:

'Any foreign corporation which does business in this State without appointing an agent as required by this section shall be deemed to have appointed the Secretary of State, or his successor in office, to be his true and lawful attorney upon whom may be served all lawful processes in any action or proceeding against such corporation, arising as a result of such corporation doing business in this State and such service shall be of the same legal force and validity as if otherwise served on such corporation.

Service of such process shall be made by leaving a copy thereof with a fee of \$2 in the hands of the Secretary of State, or in his office, and such service shall be sufficient service upon such foreign corporation; provided that notice of such service and a copy of the process are forthwith sent by registered mail by the plaintiff to the defendant corporation, and the defendant corporation's return receipt and the plaintiff's affidavit of compliance herewith are appended to writ and are filed with the Clerk of Courts in which the action is pending, or that such notice and copy are served upon an officer of such foreign corporation if found within the State, by an officer duly qualified to serve legal process, or, if found without the State, by any duly constituted public officer qualified to serve like process in the State or jurisdiction where such officer is found, and the officer's return showing such service to have been made is filed in the case on or before the return day of the process or within such further time as the court may allow. The court in which the action is pending may order such continuance as may be necessary to afford the defendant corporation reasonable opportunity to defend the action.'

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 25

### AN ACT Amending the Law Relating to Factors' Liens.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 181, § 4, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 4 of chapter 181 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'If so provided by any written agreement, all factors shall have a continuing general lien upon all materials, goods in process and merchandise from time to