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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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the nearest such highway and the traveled way, public or private, constituting the approach to said building, and such signs shall not exceed 2 in number or 200 square feet in total area and provided further, that none of such signs shall be of an area greater than 100 square feet or shall endanger the safety of persons using the highways.'

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 39

### AN ACT Relating to Financial Responsibility in Motor Vehicle Accidents Resulting in Death.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 77, sub-§ II, ¶ A, repealed. Paragraph A of subsection II of section 77 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 77, sub-§ II, ¶ B, amended. Paragraph B of subsection II of section 77 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'B. Upon receipt by him of the report of an accident other than as provided for in ~~paragraphs A and~~ paragraph C of this subsection, which has resulted in death, bodily injury or property damage to an apparent extent of \$100 or more, the secretary shall, 30 days following the date of request for compliance with the 2 following requirements, suspend the license or revoke the right to operate of any person operating, and the registration certificates and registration plates of any person owning a motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer in any manner involved in such accident, unless such operator or owner or both.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 77, sub-§ II, ¶ B, sub-¶ 2, amended. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph B of subsection II of section 77 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'2. shall immediately give and thereafter maintain proof of financial responsibility ~~as hereinbefore provided~~ for 3 years next following the date of filing the proof as provided under the provisions of subsection II of section 81.'

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 40

### AN ACT Relating to Surveys by State Park Commission.

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

R. S., c. 36, § 34-A, additional. Chapter 36 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 34-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 34-A. Surveys. The State Park Commission, its authorized agents and employees may enter upon any lands, waters and premises in the State for the purpose of making surveys and examinations as it may deem necessary or convenient in the discharge of its duties under the provisions of sections 33 to 39, inclusive, and such entry shall not be deemed a trespass.'

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 41

### AN ACT Relating to Temporary Public Utility Certificate for Buses.

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

R. S., c. 48, § 5, amended. Section 5 of chapter 48 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 5. Such motor vehicles not operated without certificate. No person, firm or corporation shall operate a motor vehicle or vehicles as described in section 1 on any street or highway in any city or town of this State, without obtaining from the Commission a certificate permitting such operation. Nor shall the Commission issue an original certificate or amend a certificate unless it finds after public hearing that public convenience and necessity require such operation, provided however, that the Commission may, in its discretion and for good and sufficient reason issue a temporary certificate authorizing such operation and hold the prescribed hearing at a later date and then determine whether a certificate shall be finally issued; but no temporary certificate shall be issued for a period longer than 30 days; no temporary certificate shall be extended or renewed, and no temporary certificate shall be issued unless the applicant has paid the fees and procured insurance as required by section 10.'

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 42

### AN ACT Permitting Regional Planning.

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

R. S., c. 91, §§ 99-A - 99-F, additional. Chapter 91 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 6 new sections to be numbered 99-A to 99-F, to read as follows:

#### 'Regional Planning.

Sec. 99-A. Purposes. The purpose of sections 99-A to 99-F, inclusive, shall be to enable municipalities and counties to join in the formation of regional planning commissions whose duty it shall be to prepare a coordinated plan for the development of a region, taking into account present and future needs, with a view toward encouraging the most appropriate use of land, such as for agriculture, forestry, industry, commerce and housing; the facilitation of transporta-