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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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'Sec. 10-A. Willful concealment of merchandise. Whoever, without authority, willfully conceals the goods or merchandise of any store, while still upon the premises of such store, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Goods or merchandise found concealed upon the person shall be prima facie evidence of a willful concealment.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 67

AN ACT Relating to Requirements in Construction of School Buildings.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 51, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 51 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'I. Flush closets. Flush water closets connected with sewer, filter bed or septic tanks ~~or protected cesspool~~, with separate compartments for the sexes, accessible only by separate passageways from schoolrooms or corridors.'

Sec. 2. Limitation. The provisions of this act shall not apply to school buildings or buildings used for school purposes which are already constructed.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 68

AN ACT Relating to Appropriation for Seed Potato Board.

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

R. S., c. 32, § 151, amended. The last paragraph of section 151 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The 10-year period shall expire June 30, ~~1956~~ 1966, at which time there shall be returned to the general fund of the State, \$100,000.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 69

AN ACT Relating to Reimbursement of Towns for Transportation or Board of School Children.

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

R. S., c. 41, § 43, amended. The 1st sentence of section 43 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Where the distance from the place of temporary residence to the school is more than 2 miles and transportation is deemed advisable by the superintending school committee, the superintendent of schools shall report the same to the

Commissioner with such other information as may be required and if so directed by the Commissioner shall procure transportation for such child or children or, if transportation is inadvisable, board in lieu thereof; provided that when there shall be reported to the Commissioner in connection with the annual report a bill of expenses incurred in connection with such transportation or board, the Commissioner is authorized to reimburse such towns and plantations for such expenses, the same to be paid annually in December from the state school fund and at the time of the distribution of such fund department appropriation for the purpose.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 70

AN ACT Relating to Minimum Salaries of Teachers.

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

R. S., c. 41, § 237, amended. The 6th paragraph of section 237 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Each city, town, plantation and community school district shall employ only certified teachers and shall pay such teachers, except substitute teachers as defined by the State Commissioner of Education, the minimum salaries as follows:

Years of teaching experience	Certified teachers	Teachers with 3 years of professional study beyond high school	Teachers with 4 years of professional study beyond high school and with a bachelor's degree	Teachers with an earned master's degree
0	\$1,600	\$2,000	\$2,400	\$2,400
1	\$1,700	\$2,100	\$2,500	\$2,500
2	\$1,800	\$2,200	\$2,600	\$2,600
3	\$1,900	\$2,300	\$2,700	\$2,700
4		\$2,400	\$2,800	\$2,800
5			\$2,900	\$2,900
6			\$3,000	\$3,000
7			\$3,100	\$3,100
8			\$3,200	\$3,200
9				\$3,300
10				\$3,400
11				\$3,500
12				\$3,600

Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph no town shall be required to increase the salary of any teacher more than \$300 in any one school year. Any city, town, plantation or community school district which fails to comply with any of these conditions shall have deducted from its apportionment a sum equal to that by which it is delinquent.'

Effective August 20, 1955