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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

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~~Trailers~~ A trailer having more than 2 wheels shall be connected to the towing vehicle ~~or preceding trailer~~ by at least 1 chain, in addition to the hitch bar, of sufficient strength to hold the trailer on a hill if the hitch bar becomes disconnected, or shall be provided with some other adequate holding device.'

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 84

AN ACT Relating to Fees Paid to Register of Deeds by the State.

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

R. S., c. 89, § 216, amended. The last sentence of section 216 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The above fees shall be paid when the instrument is offered for record, except that fees payable by the State shall be paid monthly by the department or agencies requesting the recording, upon rendition of bills by the register of deeds. Said bills shall be paid within 10 days of receipt of same by the department or agency.'

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 85

AN ACT Relating to Definition of School Buses and Overtaking and Passing School Buses.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 48, amended. The 1st and 2nd paragraphs of section 48 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

'The term "school bus" includes every motor vehicle owned by a public or governmental agency and operated for the transportation of children to or from school, or to or from any school activities at a school regularly attended by such children, or privately owned and operated for compensation for the transportation of children to or from school, or to or from any school activities at a school regularly attended by such children. Buses operated by a motor carrier having a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Public Utilities Commission under the provisions of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of chapter 48, which comply with the requirements of the Commission, within a city in which such carrier is so authorized to operate, shall not be regarded as "school buses."

All school buses, as above defined, shall bear upon the front and rear thereof a plainly visible sign "School Bus" in letters not less than 4 inches in height which ~~can~~ shall be removed or covered when the vehicle is not in use as a school bus; but this provision shall not apply to public buses while transporting school children together with regular passengers. Such standard "descriptive signs" shall be furnished at cost by the Department of Education.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 119, amended. Section 119 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 119. Overtaking and passing school buses. The driver of a vehicle on a way, except the roadway of a dual highway divided by a median strip, carrying traffic in the opposite direction, upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus which has stopped on the way for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children shall stop the vehicle before reaching such school bus and shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until signaled by the school bus driver to proceed. Each motor vehicle, carrying the designation "School Bus," shall conceal or remove such designation when such motor vehicle is parked on any way and does not contain any pupils or used for any purpose other than transportation of pupils.'

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 86

### AN ACT Relating to Aid to Public and Private Hospitals.

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

R. S., c. 25, § 18, amended. The second sentence of section 18 of chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The Department is authorized to compensate hospitals located in the State of New Hampshire within 5 miles from the Maine-New Hampshire state line or hospitals located in the Provinces of Quebec or New Brunswick, Canada, within 5 miles of the international boundary, for cases where the hospital care is for persons resident in the State of Maine and, in the judgment of the Commissioner, adequate local hospital facilities are not available.'

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 87

### AN ACT Relating to Certain Plantations Maintaining Paupers.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective for 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, certain plantations are having great difficulty to maintain their paupers; and

Whereas, the following legislation is immediately necessary to prevent unjust hardship on the inhabitants of certain plantations; and

Whereas, it is vital that the following legislation be enacted before the meetings of the plantations this spring; 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 legis-