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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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cense, or renewal of license, shall be made each year upon a form prescribed by the Commissioner. Such license shall commence upon the 1st day of August. With the application, there shall be paid to the Commissioner a license fee of \$5. Upon receipt of the application for a license, or renewal of same, the Commissioner shall issue a license after being satisfied that the applicant has complied with section 251 and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Each such license shall cover a group of buildings or parts thereof, in one location, constituting a slaughterhouse, meat processing plant, or both; operated by the licensee. Said license shall run for 1 year from the 1st day of August in each year, or unless sooner revoked as provided in section 249.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 32, § 250, repealed and replaced. Section 250 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 250. Definitions. The term "slaughterhouse" shall mean any establishment wherein animals or poultry are slaughtered for human consumption.

The term "slaughter" shall mean the butchering of animals or poultry for human consumption.

The term "meat processing plant" shall mean any place where meat or meat products are prepared, processed, manufactured, packaged or frozen, for human consumption.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 32, § 251, repealed and replaced. Section 251 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 251. Inspection; rules. The floors, walls, ceilings, partitions, posts, doors, equipment and other parts of all licensed slaughterhouses or meat processing plants shall be of such materials, construction and finish as will make them susceptible of being readily and thoroughly cleaned. Said establishments shall, at all times, be maintained and operated in a sanitary manner and in compliance with the Maine Food Law. Meat or meat products shall be prepared, processed, handled, packaged and transported in such a manner as to protect them from rapid decomposition, adulteration or contamination. The Commissioner shall promulgate regulations for carrying out the provisions of sections 248 to 254, inclusive, fix standards of quality and identity for meat and meat products, and by adequate inspection, enforce the provisions of sections 248 to 254, inclusive.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 108

AN ACT Relating to Meridian Lines and Standards of Length in Kennebec County.

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

R. S., c. 89, § 94-A, additional. Chapter 89 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 94-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 94-A. Exception. The provisions of sections 89 to 94, inclusive, shall not apply to the county of Kennebec.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 109

AN ACT Relating to Eligibility for Aid for Veterans and Their Dependents.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 26, § 10, sub-§ II, amended. Subsection II of section 10 of chapter 26 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'II. The term "child" shall be construed to mean a child under the age of 16, or over age 16 and under age 18 if found by the Division to be regularly attending school, or over 16 and not attending school if, prior to reaching age 16, the child becomes or has become permanently incapable of self-support by reason of mental or physical defect, and shall include a foster child, a legitimate or legally adopted child of the veteran, or a stepchild if a member of the veteran's household either at time of application, or in the event of the veteran's death, at time of death, and who continues a member of the household, or an illegitimate child, provided that the veteran has been judicially ordered or decreed by the court to contribute to the child's support, or has been judicially decreed to be the putative father or has acknowledged under oath in writing that he is the father of such child.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 26, § 10, sub-§ III, amended. Subsection III of section 10 of chapter 26 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'III. The term "parent" shall mean the father or mother of a veteran with whom the veteran lived during his minority and for whom he would be legally responsible under the laws of the State; or the foster father or mother of a veteran.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 110

AN ACT Regulating the Taking of Marine Worms.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 38, § 125-A, additional. Chapter 38 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 125-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 125-A. Marine worms, taking. It shall be lawful for any person, firm or corporation, who legally possesses a commercial shellfish and marine worm license, to dig, take, buy or sell marine worms, clamworms, bloodworms and sandworms in any tidewater area of the State, except those areas which are closed to all digging for the conservation of marine worms by the Department.'