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Chapter 114

AN ACT Relating to Membership on Harness Racing Commission.

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

R. S., c. 86, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 86 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the 1st sentence thereof, the following sentence:

'No more than 2 members shall be of the same political party.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 115

AN ACT Relating to Use of Gill Nets.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 52, amended. The 5th paragraph of section 52 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed as follows:

'Gill nets of not larger than $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch mesh may be used in the taking of white fish in Eastern Grand lake and Hot Brook lake in Aroostook and Washington counties, and in Baskahegan lake, Pocumpus lake and Western Grand lake, all in Washington county, and Junior lake, in Penobscot county, and in Mattawamkeag lake in Aroostook county, and in First Debsconeag lake and Thoroughfare leading to the West Branch of the Penobscot river, in the county of Piscataquis during the month of November of each year.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 116

AN ACT Relating to the Taking of Clams or Quahogs in the Town of Harpswell.

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

R. S., c. 38, §§ 70-A, - 70-D, additional. Chapter 38 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 4 new sections to be numbered 70-A to 70-D, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Sec. 70-A. License required to dig or take clams, etc., in town of Harpswell. No person, firm or corporation shall, within the limits of the town of Harpswell, in the county of Cumberland, dig or take any clams or quahogs without having first obtained a license from the municipal officers of said town of Harpswell, who are authorized to grant and issue such licenses and fix the fee therefor. No license shall be granted or issued to any person, firm or corporation unless such person, firm or corporation is a resident of said town of Harpswell. Nothing herein shall prohibit a resident or riparian owner of shores or flats in said town of Harpswell from digging and taking clams and quahogs therefrom for food

for himself and family without license. For the purposes of sections 70-A to 70-D, inclusive, the term "a resident" shall mean a person, firm or corporation who has resided in this State for a term of at least 6 consecutive months and in the town of Harpswell for at least 3 consecutive months prior to making application for license.

Sec. 70-B. Dealers' licenses. No person shall be a dealer in clams or quahogs in the town of Harpswell without having first obtained a license from the municipal officers of said town, who are authorized to issue such license and fix the fee therefor. For the purposes of sections 70-A to 70-D, inclusive, the term "dealer" herein used shall mean any person, firm or corporation buying clams or quahogs for resale.

Sec. 70-C. Licenses; revocation; appeals. The municipal officers may revoke any license issued by them under the provisions of the preceding section, upon evidence satisfactory to them that the person digging or taking clams or quahogs has violated any of the laws of the State regulating the digging or taking of clams or quahogs. If the municipal officers refuse to issue the license provided for in said section or if a license has been revoked by the municipal officers, a person aggrieved may apply to any Justice of the Superior Court, in term time or vacation, who may order the issuance or restoration thereof, provided said Justice finds the municipal officers acted fraudulently or corruptly or erred in their conclusion of facts.

Sec. 70-D. Penalty. Whoever violates any of the provisions of sections 70-A to 70-D, inclusive, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days. Trial justices within their county shall have jurisdiction concurrent with municipal courts and the Superior Court of prosecutions for violations hereof.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 117

AN ACT Prohibiting Gifts or Other Gratuities to Bank Officials for Procuring Loans.

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

R. S., c. 59, § 18-A, additional. Chapter 59 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 18-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 18-A. Receipt of commissions or gifts for procuring loans. Whoever, being an officer, director, employee, agent or attorney of any bank, savings bank, trust company, loan and building association, Morris Plan bank, credit unions and all other financial institutions under the supervision of the Bank Commissioner, stipulates for or receives or consents or agrees to receive any fee, commission, gift or thing of value, from any person, firm or corporation, for procuring or endeavoring to procure for such person, firm or corporation, or for any other person, firm or corporation, from any such bank or corporation, any loan or extension or renewal of loan or substitution of security, or the purchase or discount or acceptance of any paper, note, draft, check or bill of exchange by any such bank or corporation shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.