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'Cities and towns may raise money to procure the writing and publication of their histories, to assist a local historical society, to celebrate any centennial or other anniversary of the settlement or incorporation of such city or town and to publish the proceedings of any such celebration; to aid in defraying the expenses for Christmas decorations; to defray the expenses of the observance of Memorial Day, ~~Armistice~~ Veterans Day or any other day set apart for patriotic commemoration, firemen's memorial Sunday and of Old Home Week; to hire a public nurse; to hire a dental hygienist; to subsidize a physician to induce him or her to settle in said town; to aid in the maintenance of a hospital serving the inhabitants of the town; to provide for a local program or one based on coordination with the State having to do with the rehabilitation and employment of persons honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States in World War II or the Korean Campaign; to provide for physical fitness programs in the schools; to erect suitable monuments or memorials in memory of the soldiers and sailors who sacrificed their lives in defense of their country in the war of 1861, or in World Wars I and II or the Korean Campaign, and a reasonable sum to secure, grade and care for a lot appropriate for such a monument or memorial.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 124

AN ACT Relating to Rabbit Hunting in Oxford, Knox, Franklin, Somerset, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Aroostook and York Counties.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 106, amended. The first paragraph of section 106 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'There shall be a closed season on wild hares or rabbits from the 1st day of March to the 30th day of the following September, both days inclusive, except in the counties of Franklin, Oxford, Knox, Somerset, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Aroostook and York, where there shall be a closed season from the 1st day of April to the 30th day of the following September, both days inclusive.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 125

AN ACT Relating to Speed Regulations for Passenger Buses.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 113, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 113 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'I. Any person driving a vehicle on a way shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed not greater than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the highway, and of any other conditions then existing, and no person shall drive any vehicle upon a way at such a speed as to endanger any person or property. No passenger bus having a

seating capacity of more than 7 passengers shall be driven or operated at a rate of speed in excess of 45 miles per hour, **except on a highway posted for a higher rate of speed.** No person shall operate any motor driven cycle at any time mentioned in section 136 at a speed greater than 35 miles per hour unless such motor driven cycle is equipped with a headlamp or lamps which are adequate to reveal a person or vehicle at a distance of 300 feet ahead.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 126

AN ACT Relating to Maine Sardine Tax Committee and Suspending Sardine Tax on Certain Cases of Sardines.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 16, § 262, amended. Section 262 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 262. Excise tax on sardines. The packing of sardines is declared to constitute the introduction of sardines into the channels of trade.

An excise tax of 25c per case, as defined in subsections I, II and III of section 261, is levied and imposed upon the privilege of packing sardines; provided, however, that if on April 1st of any year there shall remain unexpended in the hands of the Treasurer of State from excise taxes collected under the provisions of sections 260 to 269, inclusive, the sum of \$500,000, then such excise tax shall not be levied and imposed upon the privilege of packing sardines during the 12 months following such April 1st.

The tax provided by this section shall be suspended on all cases of sardines described in subsection III of section 261 packed between January 1, 1955 and January 1, 1957.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 16, § 264, amended. The 1st sentence of section 264 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Every packer shall keep as a part of his permanent records, a record of all sardines packed, which said records shall be open for inspection at all times as hereinafter provided, and every packer shall on or before the 10th day of each month render a report to the State Tax Assessor, stating the quantity of sardines packed by him during the preceding calendar month, on forms to be furnished by said State Tax Assessor, and at the same time shall pay to the State Tax Assessor the tax of 25c per case on all sardines so reported as packed, **except that the tax on items described in subsection III of section 261 shall be suspended on all such items packed between January 1, 1955 and January 1, 1957.**

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 16, § 268, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 268 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

~~The~~ Four members of said Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business and the carrying out of the duties of the Committee.'

Sec. 4. Effective date; refunds. The provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this