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for all subsequent examinations shall be \$1. A renewal permit may be issued for an additional 60 days for a fee of \$1; provided, however, that the Secretary of State may, in his discretion, issue a restricted instruction permit effective for a school year or for a restricted period to an applicant who is enrolled in a driver education program which includes practice driving. Such instruction permit shall only be valid when applicant is accompanied by an instructor approved by the State Department of Education. Any person who has not held a Maine operator's license during one of the 3 preceding years may apply for an instruction permit. The Secretary of State may, in his discretion, issue a temporary driver's permit to an applicant who has successfully passed a complete examination, permitting applicant to operate a motor vehicle during a period not to exceed 30 days while the Secretary of State is completing his investigation and determination of all facts relative to such applicant's right to receive an operator's license. Such permit or temporary license shall be in applicant's immediate possession at all times while operating a motor vehicle. The Secretary of State may, after a complete examination or investigation, restrict the license of any operator so as to permit the operation of a specified vehicle or vehicles, operation during the daylight hours, within a designated area, or any other restriction or condition the Secretary of State may deem to be in the interest of highway safety. Any person operating a motor vehicle in any manner in violation of the restrictions imposed in a restricted license issued to him shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 60, amended. The 6th sentence of section 60 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'A record of all applications for license and of all licenses and instruction permits issued shall be kept by the said Secretary.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 65, amended. Section 65 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 65. Unlicensed persons not to operate motor vehicles. No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon any way in this state unless licensed according to the provisions of this chapter; but the provisions of this section shall not prevent the operation of a motor vehicle by an unlicensed person, not less than 15 years of age who holds an instruction permit, if riding beside a licensed operator in said vehicle for the purpose of becoming familiar with the use and handling of a motor vehicle preparatory to taking out license for driving; and provided further, that such unlicensed person has not theretofore had a license revoked, suspended or finally refused.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 182

AN ACT Relating to Authority of and Uniforms for Officers of the Maine State Prison.

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

R. S., c. 27, § 27-A, additional. Chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 27-A, to read as follows:

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'Sec. 27-A. Power of officers; uniforms. Employees of the Maine State Prison shall have the same power and authority as sheriffs in their respective counties, only insofar as apprehending escapees from Maine State Prison is concerned, when so authorized by the warden. Employees of the State Prison shall be provided, at the expense of the State, with distinctive uniforms, for use when requisite to the performance of their official duties, all of which shall remain the property of the State. When on duty to enforce the orders of the warden, as stated above, prison employees shall be in uniform.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 183

AN ACT Relating to Trespass Upon Lands Appurtenant to Maine State Prison.

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

R. S., c. 131, § 37, amended. Section 37 of chapter 131 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 37. Trespass upon lands appurtenant to certain State institutions. Whoever willfully trespasses upon lands which belong to the State and are appurtenant to the Pownal State School, Reformatory for Women, Reformatory for Men, State School for Girls of State School for Boys or the Maine State Prison, or whoever shall unlawfully interfere with the immates of any of said institutions, or, after notice from an officer of any of said institutions to leave said lands, remains thereon, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 184

AN ACT Relating to Registration Fees for Certain Motor Vehicles Used for Commercial Purposes.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 13, amended. The 11th paragraph of section 13 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'All motor vehicles owned and used by the State, any municipal corporation therein and all vehicles owned by an organized volunteer fire department and used exclusively for fire fighting purposes shall be registered, but shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter as to payment of registration fees except that when such vehicles are leased or rented for commercial purposes they shall be subject to payment of the fees as provided in this chapter; but all such vehicles shall display registration plates as required by this chapter or approved by the Secretary of State. Provided, however, that all motor vehicles and trailers owned by the State and under the supervision of the State Highway Commission shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter as to registration and pay-