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erans who died while in the active service of the armed forces during any war, or who died as a result of service-connected disabilities.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 63, § 17, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 17 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes which relates to the definition of "veteran" is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The term "veteran" as used in this section shall mean a person, male or female, who served in the active service of the United States' armed forces for a period of not less than 90 days during a period of war in which the United States has been, or is, engaged; and who has been discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 196

AN ACT Relating to Sales to and Consumption of Liquor by Minors.

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

R. S., c. 61, § 51, amended. The last paragraph of section 51 of chapter 61 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Any person under the age of 21 years who purchases any alcoholic beverage, or any person under the age of 21 years who consumes any alcoholic beverage in any on-sale premises, or who presents or offers to any licensee, his agent or employee, any written or oral evidence of age which is false, fraudulent or not actually his own, for the purpose of ordering, purchasing, attempting to purchase or otherwise procuring or attempting to procure, the serving of any alcoholic beverage, or who has any alcoholic beverage in his possession except in the scope of his or her employment on any street or highway, or in any public place or in any automobile, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 197

AN ACT Relating to Sirens on Automobiles Operated by Certain Officials.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 41, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 41 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'No signaling device shall be unnecessarily sounded so as to make a harsh, objectionable or unreasonable noise, and no bell or siren shall be installed or used on any motor vehicle except that fire and police department vehicles and ambulances, and vehicles operated by state, city and town fire inspectors ~~and~~, city and town fire chiefs, assistant fire chiefs, police chiefs and assistant police chiefs may be so equipped for use only when responding to emergency calls,

and such motor vehicles used by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, and such motor vehicles used by inland fisheries and game wardens as may be designated by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game and such motor vehicles used by coastal wardens as may be designated by the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries, and such motor vehicles used by United States Government law enforcement officials, and such motor vehicles used by a state or municipal department which controls or supervises electrical alarm and communication systems.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 198

AN ACT Relating to Trespass on Land of Another.

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

R. S., c. 131, § 41, amended. Section 41 of chapter 131 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 41. **Trespass on timber or wood standing, etc.** Whoever, except a road commissioner acting within the scope of his lawful authority, willfully commits any trespass by cutting, destroying or carrying away timber or wood on the land of another; by digging up, taking and carrying away therefrom earth, stone, grass, corn, grain, fruit, hay or other vegetables, or by carrying away from any wharf or landing place goods in which he has no interest, shall be punished by a fine of not more than ~~\$50~~ \$100 and by imprisonment for not more than 2 months.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 199

AN ACT Relating to Funds for Minors Not Having Guardian.

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

R. S., c. 166, § 21, amended. The 1st sentence of section 21 of chapter 166 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Whenever, under any decree or order of the Supreme Judicial Court or Superior Court of this State or of any justice of either of said courts, in term time or in vacation, or of any judge of any probate court in this State, any receiver, master, executor, administrator, trustee, guardian or other person acting under authority of either of said courts, or any justice or judge thereof shall have in his hands any funds not exceeding ~~\$200~~ \$500 to be distributed or paid to any person under the age of 21 years, not having a guardian legally appointed in this State, payment may be made directly to such minor, if such minor be 10 years of age, and such minor's receipt therefor shall be a sufficient voucher for such payment in the settlement in court of any account by the party who makes such payment, and shall discharge and release him from any and all further liability on account of the same.'

Effective August 20, 1955