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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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vehicle to be so operated, subject to the provisions of section 56, as follows: a sum equal to 23 mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the 1st or current year of model, 16½ mills for the 2nd year, 12½ mills for the 3rd year, 9 mills for the 4th year, 5½ mills for the 5th year and 3 mills for the 6th and succeeding years; provided, however, that whenever an excise tax has been paid for the previous calendar year on the same motor vehicle, the excise tax for the new calendar year shall be assessed as if the vehicle was in its next year of the model; provided, however, that persons registering under the provisions of section 67, the state and political subdivisions thereof, volunteer fire departments, bona fide dealers or manufacturers of motor vehicles, which motor vehicles are solely for the purpose of demonstration and sale and which constitute stock in trade, holders of transit registration certificates, telephone and telegraph companies subject to the excise tax set forth in sections 125 to 132, inclusive, of chapter 16, express companies subject to the excise tax as set forth in sections 133 to 136, inclusive, of chapter 16, the vehicles of charitable, benevolent, literary and scientific organizations which are used exclusively in carrying on charitable, benevolent, literary or scientific work in this State, railroad companies subject to the excise tax set forth in sections 113 to 124, inclusive, of chapter 16, excepting however, motor buses used exclusively for the transportation of passengers for hire, shall not be subject to the excise herein provided; and provided further, that in all cases where the excise tax under the preceding provisions of this section amounts to less than \$5, a minimum tax of \$5 shall be levied, except that for a bicycle with motor attached the excise tax shall be \$2.50; and provided further, that in respect to noncommercial vehicles on and after the 7th year of a model, the maximum amount to be levied as an excise tax under the provisions of this section shall be \$10.'

Sec. 12. R. S., c. 22, § 97, amended. Section 97 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph, to read as follows:

'The provisions of this section shall apply to holders of transit registration certificates but shall not be limited thereto.'

Sec. 13. Effective date. The provisions of this act shall become effective for the year 1956.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 201

AN ACT Relating to Transportation of Explosives.

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

R. S., c. 97, § 43-A, additional. Chapter 97 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 43-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 43-A. Transportation of explosives. As a condition to the granting of a permit or license to transport explosives, the Insurance Commissioner may require that the vehicle used in transportation of explosives may be accompanied by a representative of the Commissioner, who shall be paid mileage by the person to whom the license is issued at the rate allowed to fire inspectors by the State

for the use of his car. This condition is not applicable to loads of 4,000 pounds or less. Explosives referred to herein shall not include petroleum products.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 202

AN ACT Relating to Public Hearings for Public Utilities.

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

R. S., c. 44, § 61, amended. Section 61 of chapter 44 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

'Whenever any public utility, except a common carrier or carrier of persons or property for hire, has been notified by the Commission that a public hearing will be held as provided in section 35 or section 57 and it appears to the Commission that reasonable publicity has not or will not be given, by newspaper publication or otherwise, of the time and place of said hearing and the general nature thereof, the Commission, in its discretion, may, by written notice to such public utility, require it to give such reasonable notice as the Commission shall specify of the time and place of such public hearing to each of the subscribers affected or to be affected by such rates or service and to file at the same time in the office of the clerk of the municipalities wherein such subscribers reside such pertinent information as the Commission may prescribe as to rates and services involved, including schedules of any proposed rates. Such notice by said public utility shall be given by first class mail and shall include a statement that such pertinent information as to such rates or service is on file in the office of the clerk of the municipality wherein such subscriber resides. Nothing in this section shall relieve such utility from the provisions of section 31.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 203

AN ACT Relating to Trial Terms in Knox and Oxford Counties.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 106, § 11, sub-§§ VII and IX, amended. Subsections VII and IX of section 11 of chapter 106 of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

'VII. Knox. At Rockland on the 2nd Tuesday of February and the 1st Tuesdays of May and ~~November~~ October.'

'IX. Oxford. At Rumford on the 1st Tuesday of ~~March~~ February, and at Paris on the 1st Tuesday of ~~November~~ October and on the 2nd Tuesday of ~~June~~ May.'