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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

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## Chapter 286

### AN ACT Relating to Definition of Contract Carrier.

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

R. S., c. 48, § 23, sub-§ IV, amended. The 1st sentence of subsection IV of section 23 of chapter 48 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The Commission is vested with power and authority and shall have the duty to prescribe rules and regulations covering the operations of contract carriers in competition with common carriers over the highways of this State ~~and the~~. Any person, firm or corporation required to obtain a permit under the provisions of this section shall be subject to all the provisions of sections 63 to 68, inclusive, of chapter 44. The Commission may prescribe reasonable minimum rates and charges to be collected by contract carriers.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 287

### AN ACT Increasing Salary of County Treasurer of Hancock County.

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

R. S., c. 89, § 130, amended. That part of section 130 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes, which relates to the salary of the county treasurer of Hancock county, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Hancock, ~~\$1,500~~ \$2,000,'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 288

### AN ACT to Provide Fire Protection for Milton Township, Oxford County.

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

R. S., c. 89, § 71-C, additional. Chapter 89 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 71-C, to read as follows:

'Sec. 71-C. Assessment for fire protection tax. The county commissioners of Oxford county are authorized, on behalf of the inhabitants of Milton township to enter into contracts on such terms as they deem fit with one or more persons, associations or municipalities, or to take such other steps as they deem advisable, to provide fire protection, other than forest fire protection, for Milton township. The county commissioners shall annually assess upon said township an amount sufficient to provide for such protection, and said assessment shall be certified and transmitted by the county treasurers to the State Tax Assessor not later than

April 1 of each year. The State Tax Assessor shall determine the amount of tax due, in accordance with the provisions of section 79 of chapter 16, and shall include such amounts in the statements referred to in section 82 of chapter 16. Collection of such fire protection tax shall be enforced in the same manner as provided for the enforcement of collection of county taxes.'

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 289

### AN ACT Relating to Change of Purposes of Domestic Mutual Insurance Companies.

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

R. S., c. 60, § 33, amended. The 4th sentence of section 33 of chapter 60 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Any such mutual company which changes its purposes to include the writing of any class or kind of insurance other than fire, marine or glass shall either have been doing business for a period of not less than 20 years, have a surplus of at least 60% of its unearned premium reserve as appears in its last annual statement filed with the Insurance Commissioner and have admitted assets of not less than \$125,000 after deducting therefrom the amount by which the net investment of such company in real estate owned exceeds, if it operates on the prepaid basis, 10% of its premiums in force or, if it operates on the assessment plan, 2% of the balance of its premium notes, both as appear in such statement, or shall have a guaranty capital of not less than \$100,000 divided into shares of \$100 each, and no policy shall be issued until  $\frac{1}{4}$  at least of its guaranty capital has been paid in, in cash, and invested as provided in section 71.'

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 290

### AN ACT to Revise the Inland Fish and Game Laws.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, § 2, amended. The last sentence of section 2 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Whenever the entire State is closed to hunting by proclamation of the Governor during the open season on deer, the Commissioner with the consent of the Governor and Council is authorized to extend the open season for deer hunting for a period of not more than 2 weeks, which period shall not total more than  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the time lost not to exceed the number of days lost.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 3, amended. Section 3 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 3. Boundary waters with New Hampshire and Canada. The Commissioner, with the consent of the Advisory Council, shall have the authority to