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drivers who shall rent any such vehicle with or without a driver, otherwise than as a part of a bona fide transaction involving the sale of such motor vehicle, shall maintain a record of the identity of the person to whom the vehicle is rented, including a record of his license, and the exact time the vehicle is the subject to such rental or in possession of the person renting and having the use of the vehicle, and every such record shall be a public record and open to inspection by any officer, and it shall be a misdemeanor for any such owner to fail to make or have in possession or to refuse an inspection of the record required in this section. If the Secretary of State prescribes a form for the keeping of the record provided for in this section, the owner shall use said form, which shall be carried in the vehicle at all times during the period of lease or hire as aforesaid and while being used on the highways in this State.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 371

AN ACT Relating to Compulsory Commitment of Persons Infected with Tuberculosis.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25, § 105, amended. The last sentence of the 1st paragraph of section 105 of chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed, as follows:

~~'Upon receipt of said report the court may issue such order as the circumstances of the case warrant.'~~

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 25, § 105, amended. Section 105 of chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by repealing the last 2 paragraphs thereof and inserting in place thereof, the following:

'If the Board finds and reports that the alleged tuberculous infected person does not have active infectious tuberculosis and is not dangerous to the public health the court shall enter an order dismissing the petition. If the Board finds and reports that the alleged tuberculous infected person has active infectious tuberculosis and is dangerous to the public health, the justice shall hold a hearing at the time fixed. If the justice determines that such person has active infectious tuberculosis and is dangerous to the public health he may commit such person to a sanatorium for such period of time as shall in the opinion of the superintendent of the sanatorium be necessary to remove the danger of infection to the public health and improve the health of the person, so that he will not have active infectious tuberculosis. The justice, in his order committing a person to a sanatorium, may direct the sheriff to take such person into his custody and forthwith deliver him to the sanatorium.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 25, § 105-A, additional. Chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 105-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 105-A. Return of person to sanatorium. Any person committed under section 105 who leaves the sanatorium to which he has been committed without having been discharged by the superintendent shall be recommitted to the sanatorium by a Justice of the Superior Court in the county from which the person was originally committed upon an affidavit being filed before such justice by the superintendent of the sanatorium from which the person left, said affidavit shall

state that such person has left the sanatorium and has not been discharged by the superintendent of said sanatorium. The order of recommitment shall direct the sheriff to forthwith deliver such person to the superintendent of the sanatorium named in the recommitment order.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 25, § 105-B, additional. Chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 105-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 105-B. Appeal. Any person who shall feel aggrieved by the order of commitment shall have the right to appeal such order to the Supreme Judicial Court; however, the filing of notice of appeal shall not operate to supersede the effect of the order from which the appeal is taken. Every order shall be executed forthwith unless the justice entering the order or the Supreme Judicial Court, in its discretion, enters a supersedeas order and fixes the terms and conditions thereof. In all respects, except the entry of a supersedeas order, the existing statutes and rules pertaining to appeals of civil causes shall apply to such appeals.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 372

AN ACT Relating to Airport Construction Fund.

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

R. S., c. 24, § 20, sub-§ II, amended. Subsection II of section 20 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'II. State aid. The Commission with the consent of the Governor and Council may, from the amount appropriated to aid in the construction, extension and improvement of state or municipal airports, known as the "Airport Construction Fund," grant to cities and towns separately and cities and towns jointly with one another or with counties ~~25%~~ an amount not to exceed 50% of the total cost of the construction, extension or improvement of such airport or airports ~~or any lesser per cent of said costs.~~

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 373

AN ACT Relating to Legal Investments of a Town's Sinking Fund.

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

R. S., c. 91, § 120, amended. Section 120 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 120. Taxation for refunding indebtedness and investment of trust funds. Any city or town which has a funded indebtedness may create a sinking fund for the payment and redemption of such indebtedness and may raise money by taxation for such purpose. City and town officers and officers of quasi-municipal corporations shall hereafter invest all permanent funds including sinking funds, permanent school funds and money or credits deposited with them for perpetual care of lots in cemeteries, in the legal obligations of the United States of America;