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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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Sec. 3. R. S., c. 29, § 15, sub-§ III, 1st ¶, repealed and replaced. The first paragraph of subsection III of section 15 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'III. If he has refused to accept an offer of work for which he is reasonably fitted, or has refused to accept a referral to a job opportunity when directed to do so by a local employment office of this State or another State, and the disqualification shall begin with the week in which the refusal occurred and shall continue for the duration of the period of unemployment during which such refusal occurred.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 29, § 15, sub-§ VII, additional. Section 15 of chapter 29 is amended by adding a new subsection VII to read as follows:

'VII. For the period of unemployment next ensuing with respect to which he was discharged for conviction of felony or misdemeanor in connection with his work. The ineligibility of such individual shall continue for all weeks subsequent until such individual has thereafter earned not less than \$300 in employment.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 377

AN ACT Relating to Weekly Benefit for Partial Unemployment Under Employment Security Law.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, economic insecurity due to unemployment is a serious menace to the health, welfare and morals of the people of the State of Maine; and

Whereas, involuntary unemployment is a subject of general interest and concern; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the following legislation be effective April 1, 1955 to lighten the burden which falls so heavily upon the unemployed worker and his family; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., c. 29, § 13, sub-§ III, repealed and replaced. Subsection III of section 13 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'III. Weekly benefit for partial unemployment. On and after April 1, 1955, each eligible individual who is partially unemployed in any week shall be paid with respect to such week a partial benefit in an amount equal to his weekly benefit amount less that part of his earnings paid or payable to him with respect to such week which is in excess of \$5 plus any fraction of a dollar; except

that remuneration paid or payable as holiday pay shall not be deemed wages for the purpose of this subsection.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective May 19, 1955

Chapter 378

AN ACT Relating to Licensing of Auctioneers.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 100, § 84, amended. Section 84 of chapter 100 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 84. Resident licenses. Every resident person, firm or corporation, desiring to do business in this State as an auctioneer, upon application in proper form and the payment of a sum of \$10 as a State license fee, shall receive and the Secretary of State shall issue to such applicant a license to conduct auctions in any city, town, plantation or unorganized territory in the State; provided, however, any municipality may require a local license to hold auctions therein.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 100, § 87, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 87 of chapter 100 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'If such auction sale is to be conducted in an unorganized township or in a plantation, the application to conduct such sale shall be directed to the Secretary of State, and the same information required to be furnished to the clerk of a city or town for a local license shall be furnished the Secretary of State, together with the same fee of \$5, who thereupon may issue such license for such auction sale; provided, however, any municipality requiring a local license of resident auctioneers under section 84 may require the same local license of non-resident auctioneers.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 379

AN ACT Increasing Potato Tax and Disposition Thereof.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 16, § 223, amended. The last paragraph of section 223 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'"Shipper" shall mean any person, partnership, association, firm or corporation engaged in the shipping of potatoes or transporting his own potatoes, whether as owner, agent or otherwise, to other than a licensed shipper.'