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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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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

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## 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

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## 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.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 16, § 224, amended. Section 224 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 224. Tax on potatoes. A tax is levied and imposed at the rate of ~~20~~ 20 per barrel on all potatoes raised in this State, except that no tax shall be imposed upon any potatoes which are retained by the grower to be used by him for seed purposes or for home consumption.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 16, § 228, amended. The second sentence of section 228 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'On or before the 1st day of the calendar month succeeding the filing of said report, each shipper shall pay to the State Tax Assessor a tax at the rate of ~~20~~ 20 per barrel upon all potatoes so reported as purchased, sold or shipped, as determined by the State Tax Assessor.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 16, § 231, sub-§ II, amended. Subsection II of section 231 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'II. A sum which shall equal at least ~~25%~~ 18% of the money collected shall be used and applied for the purpose of investigating and determining better methods of production, shipment and merchandising of potatoes, and for the manufacture and merchandising of potato by-products by the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station under the supervision of the Maine Development Commission.'

Sec. 5. Limitation. The provisions of this act shall remain effective only until September 1, 1957.

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 380

### AN ACT to Revise the Laws Relating to Savings Banks.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 59, §§ 19-A - 19-L, additional. Chapter 59 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 12 new sections to be numbered 19-A to 19-L, inclusive, to read as follows:

#### 'Savings Banks.

Sec. 19-A. Definition. Whenever the words "savings banks" or "savings bank" shall appear they shall be held to mean also "institutions for savings" or "institution for savings."

#### Sec. 19-B. Organization.

I. Any number of persons, not less than 20, may associate themselves for the purpose of organizing a savings bank in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. All incorporators shall be residents of the State.