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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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cause damage to property. When forest fire conditions become serious, the Forest Commissioner or his representatives may declare void permits already issued. Forest fire danger indexes will be used as a basis of determining when forest fire conditions are safe to issue permits. Heavy use areas will, of necessity, be serviced by public camp sites and lunch grounds instead of individual permits.

Whosoever violates the provisions of this section shall on conviction be punished by a fine of not more than \$300, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. All fines, penalties, warden costs, and all other moneys collected by the court shall be paid to the Treasurer of State and credited to the District for forest fire purposes.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 82, repealed. Section 82 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes, which pertains to kindling fires, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 97, § 36, repealed. Section 36 of chapter 97 of the revised statutes, having to do with kindling fires, is hereby repealed.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 407

AN ACT Relating to Trespass on Certain Buildings.

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

R. S., c. 131, § 39-A, additional. Chapter 131 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 39-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 39-A. Trespass on certain buildings. Whoever willfully enters any dwelling house, camp, cottage or locked building, without the permission of the owner or occupant thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 408

AN ACT Prohibiting Budget Planning Business.

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

R. S., c. 137, §§ 51-53, additional. Chapter 137 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 51 to 53, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Budget Planning Business.

Sec. 51. Budget planning business prohibited. No person, firm, association or corporation shall engage in the business of budget planning. The provisions of sections 51 to 53, inclusive, shall not apply to those admitted to the practice of law.

Sec. 52. Definition. "Budget planning" means the making of a contract with a particular debtor, whereby the debtor agrees to pay a certain amount periodic-

ally to the person engaged in the budget planning, who shall distribute the same among certain specified creditors in accordance with a plan agreed upon.

Sec. 53. Penalty. Whoever, either individually or as the officer or employee of any person, corporation or association, violates any of the provisions of section 51 shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 409

AN ACT Amending the Mining Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 39-A, additional. The revised statutes are hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter to be numbered 39-A, to read as follows:

'CHAPTER 39-A.

Maine Mining Bureau.

Sec. 1. Mining bureau established. The Maine Mining Bureau, as heretofore established, shall consist of 5 members, one each from the State Department of Agriculture and the Forestry Department, each of whom shall be appointed by the head of his respective department, the Deputy Secretary of State, the State Geologist and the Commissioner of the Department of Development of Industry and Commerce or such member of the staff or of his Advisory Board as he may designate. The State Geologist, by virtue of his office, shall be the consultant to said Bureau. They shall organize with a chairman, and a secretary who shall keep the records of their doings and such data regarding the mines in the State as may be useful. The jurisdiction of the Bureau shall be confined to land owned or held in trust by the State.

Sec. 2. Authority to prospect. Any person over 18 years of age or any corporation may enter upon state-owned land, including lands held in trust, when the trust is such as to be consistent with mineral developments, on receipt of a permit from the Maine Mining Bureau for the purpose of prospecting for any valuable minerals and metals, except water, sand and gravel. If machinery or explosives are to be used for prospecting on state-owned lands, the methods to be employed and the amount of explosives to be allowed must first be approved by the Mining Bureau.

Sec. 3. Location of claim and maintenance of right of possession. Any person who has secured a license as aforesaid may locate a mining claim, by defining the boundaries of the claim, which shall not be more than 1,500 feet in length and not more than 600 feet in width, and by erecting at the point of discovery a location monument showing the extent of the location, the name of the claim, the name of the locator, and the date of the location. The location or record of any claim shall be construed to include all surface ground within the surface lines thereof and all ledges throughout their entire depth, but shall not include any portion of such ledges beyond the end and side lines of the claim or timber and grass on the claim. The claim shall in no way interfere with harvesting timber until actual mining operations are being carried on. The locator of a mining claim, to obtain the right of possession, must carry out such preliminary