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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-eighth Legislature

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# STATE OF MAINE

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legislative session once each week at the rate of 5c per mile to and from his place of abode, the mileage to be determined by the most reasonable direct route. He is entitled to mileage on the first day of the session, and ~~\$100 of his salary on the first day of each month thereafter~~ such amounts of his salary and at such times as the Legislature may determine during the session, and the balance at the end thereof; ~~but \$2.~~ Two dollars shall be deducted from the pay of every member for each day that he is absent from his duties, without being excused by the House to which he belongs.'

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** The provisions of this act shall be retroactive to the first Wednesday of January, 1957.

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

Effective February 6, 1957

## Chapter 2

### AN ACT Relating to Registration of Fire Department Vehicles.

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

**R. S., c. 22, § 13, amended.** The 5th paragraph from the end of section 13 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 100 of the public laws of 1955 and by chapter 184 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'All motor vehicles owned and used by the State, any municipal corporation therein and all vehicles owned by an organized volunteer fire department and used exclusively for fire fighting purposes, and all motor vehicles loaned by automobile dealers to municipalities for use in driver education in the secondary schools shall be registered, but shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter as to payment of registration fees, except that when such vehicles are leased or rented for commercial purposes they shall be subject to payment of the fees as provided in this chapter ~~but all.~~ All such vehicles shall display registration plates as required by this chapter or approved by the Secretary of State. ~~Provided, however, that all~~ All motor vehicles and trailers owned by the State and under the supervision of the State Highway Commission and all vehicles owned by a municipal fire department or an organized volunteer fire department shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter as to registration and payment of registration fees. Such motor vehicles and trailers shall display a marker or insignia approved by the Secretary of State.'

Effective August 28, 1957

## Chapter 3

### AN ACT Relating to Duties of Assistant County Attorney in Waiver of Indictment.

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

**R. S., c. 147, § 33, amended.** The 2nd, 3rd and 6th paragraphs of section 33 of chapter 147 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 187 of the public laws of 1955, are hereby amended to read as follows:

'After the filing of such petition, and after the accused in open Court, or before any Justice of the Superior Court in vacation, has been advised of the nature of the offense and of his rights, said accused may waive in open Court prosecution by indictment, which waiver shall be recorded. Thereupon the county attorney or the assistant county attorney may proceed against the accused person by information.'

'The information shall be a plain, concise and definite written statement of the essential facts constituting the offense charged. It shall be signed by the county attorney or the assistant county attorney, and in such cases the Superior Court, or any Justice of the Superior Court in vacation, shall have jurisdiction, in term time or in vacation, as if an indictment had been found, and upon plea of guilty shall thereupon impose sentence, and upon entry of any other plea shall continue the matter to the next term at which criminal trials are held.'

'If the county attorney or the assistant county attorney desires to charge the accused person ~~hereunder~~ with an offense or offenses not punishable by life imprisonment, and not contained in the complaint upon which such accused person has been so bound over, he may, before consenting to proceedings by information, prepare an information or informations setting forth such other offenses and file the same with the clerk of courts and cause the accused to be served with attested copy thereof in order that the accused may have an opportunity to waive indictment upon such other offenses, and an affidavit of such waiver by the accused shall be presented to the Court, or any Justice of the Superior Court in vacation, and be recorded.'

Effective August 28, 1957

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## Chapter 4

### AN ACT Relating to Method of Giving Hand-and-Arm Signals for Stopping and Turning Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 125, repealed and replaced. Section 125 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 125. Method of giving hand-and-arm signals. All signals required by section 123 given by hand and arm shall be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner and such signals shall indicate as follows:

- I. Left turn—hand and arm extended horizontally;
- II. Right turn—hand and arm extended upward;
- III. Stop or decrease speed—hand and arm extended downward.'

Effective August 28, 1957