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### **ACTS AND RESOLVES**

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CHAP. 57

#### Chapter 55

AN ACT Defining Real Estate for the Purposes of Taxation.

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

R. S., c. 91-A, § 4, amended. The first sentence of section 4 of chapter 91-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 399 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Real estate, for the purposes of taxation, shall include all lands in the State and all buildings and other things affixed to the same, together with the water power, shore privileges and rights, forests and mineral deposits appertaining thereto; interests and improvements in land, the fee of which is in the State; interests by contract or otherwise in land real estate exempt from taxation; and lines of electric light and power companies.'

Effective August 28, 1957

#### Chapter 56

AN ACT Relating to Change of Purposes of Domestic Mutual Insurance Companies.

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

R. S., c. 60, § 33, amended. The 1st sentence of section 33 of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Any mutual insurance company organized for one or more of the purposes set forth in section 30 may at an annual meeting, or at a special meeting the call for which shall give notice of the proposed action, change its purposes by altering or abridging the same or by enlarging the same to include one or more of the purposes set forth in section 30, except subsections III, all of IV, excepting that portion which permits the writing of automobile medical payment coverages, VI VII, IX, X, XIV, and the 2nd and 4th paragraphs paragraph of subsection XV, or make any other change or alteration in its certificate of organization as originally filed or subsequently amended that may be desired, provided such change or alteration is not otherwise specifically provided for and would be proper to insert in an original certificate of organization.'

Effective August 28, 1957

### Chapter 57

AN ACT Relating to Cancellation of Motor Truck Authority.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 48, § 25, sub-§ IV, amended. The 1st 2 sentences of sub-section IV of section 25 of chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

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Provided application therefor is filed with the Commission prior to the expiration date of a certificate or permit issued by the Commission, renewals thereof shall be issued upon application made in accordance with the Commission's requirements and upon the payment of the fees prescribed for original applications provided, however, that the. The Commission shall have no power to refuse to renew any existing permit or certificate or to cancel or suspend any such permit or certificate whenever issued except for willful or continued violations of the provisions of sections 19 to 32 33, inclusive, or the regulations of the Commission, and after a hearing, at least 10 days' notice of which shall be given to the holder of the permit or certificate and to such other parties as the Commission shall deem proper. Provided further, that no No order of the Commission suspending, cancelling or refusing to renew any existing permit or certificate shall be effective until 10 days after such order has been issued and a copy thereof mailed to the holder of such permit or certificate and to such other parties as were represented at the hearing.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 48, § 27, amended. Section 27 of chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 27. Rules and regulations. The Commission shall have authority to make such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or advisable to insure proper administration and enforcement of the provisions of sections 19 to 32 33, inclusive, and to promote the safety of the operation of common carriers, contract carriers and interstate carriers over the highways. The Commission shall have the power and authority to suspend, cancel or refuse to renew any certificate or permit, issued under the provisions of sections 19 to 32 33, inclusive, for any willful and or continued violations of said sections or of any rules or regulations promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the authority thereof: the. The Commission also shall have authority to issue an order to any holder of a certificate or permit, requiring such holder to cease and desist from any violation of the provisions of sections 19 to 32 33, inclusive, or of any rules or regulations of the Commission promulgated pursuant to the authority thereof; also the. The Commission shall have authority in event it shall suspend or cancel a certificate or permit, or in event the holder of a certificate or of a permit shall fail to obey a cease and desist order issued by the Commission, to require the return to the Commission of any plates issued by it to such holder. It shall be the duty of the State Police, sheriffs and their deputies and all other peace officers to investigate any alleged violations of the provisions of sections 19 to 32 33, inclusive, and of any rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the authority thereof, to prosecute violators of said sections and of such rules and regulations and otherwise to aid in the enforcement of the provisions thereof.'

Effective August 28, 1957

### Chapter 58

AN ACT Clarifying Questions on Local Option Under Liquor Law.

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

R. S., c. 61, § 2, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 2 of chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 3 of chapter 355 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows: