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OF THE

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Chapter 101

AN ACT Relating to Payment of Premium of Insurance Policies under Franchise Plan.

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

R. S., c. 60, § 123, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 123 of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'I. Accident and sickness insurance on a franchise plan is declared to be that form of accident and sickness insurance issued to:

A. Five or more employees of any corporation, copartnership or individual employer or any governmental corporation, agency or department thereof, or

B. Ten or more members of any trade, occupational or professional association, or of a labor union, or of any other association having had an active existence for at least 2 years where such association or union has a constitution or by-laws and is formed in good faith for purposes other than that of obtaining insurance;

where such persons, with or without their dependents, are issued the same form of an individual policy varying only as to amounts and kinds of coverage applied for by such persons, under an arrangement whereby the premiums on such policies may be paid to the insurer periodically by the employer, with or without payroll deductions, or by the association for its members, or by some designated person acting on behalf of such employer or association or by the insured directly to the insurer, if permitted by the insurer.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 102

AN ACT Relating to Establishment of Game Management Areas.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, § 17, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 17 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The Commissioner is authorized to regulate hunting, fishing and trapping on game management areas ~~owned or leased by the State~~ and is authorized to close such areas to hunting, fishing and trapping or to permit the taking of any species which he shall designate for such periods, on such portions of the areas, and under such special regulations as are necessary to insure a desirable effect on game populations and provide for human safety. When game management areas are bordered by tidal flats such authority shall extend to the low-water mark on said flats.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 17, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 17 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

~~Fur bearers~~ On department-owned lands, the Commissioner may harvest and sell natural products of the land, including hay, timber and Christmas trees, and fur bearers may be removed from said game management areas by controlled trapping conducted under the direction of the Commissioner in which case the furs shall become the property of the State and the proceeds from their sale shall be used for maintenance of the game management areas.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 103

AN ACT Relating to Depositions in Probate Courts.

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

R. S., c. 154, § 6, amended. Section 6 of chapter 154 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 4 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 6. **Depositions.** When any of the witnesses of a will offered for probate, or any other witness whose testimony is required to prove the signatures of the testator or of the witnesses of such will, live out of the State or more than 30 miles distant or, by age or indisposition of body, are unable to attend court, their depositions, taken as provided in chapter 117 or before a magistrate, notary public or justice of the peace authorized by commission from the judge, shall be competent evidence in the absence of such witnesses.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 104

AN ACT Relating to Branding of Potatoes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 32, § 295, amended. The 1st sentence of section 295 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The grades for potatoes recommended by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture and recognized in the central markets of the country as government grades and such other grades as may be promulgated by the Commissioner under the provisions of sections 32 to 38, inclusive, are The official state grades for potatoes shall be promulgated by the Commissioner under the provisions of sections 32 to 38, inclusive, and made the official state grades for potatoes of the State presented for intrastate or interstate shipment and all containers as presented for shipment, whether by truck, train or boat, shall have written, stamped or attached thereon the name and address or serial number of the person producing or marketing the product, as well as the name and grade, state or federal, of the product contained therein.'