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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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tax due, in accordance with the provisions of section 79 of chapter 16, and shall include such amounts in the statements referred to in section 82 of chapter 16. Collection of such road repair taxes shall be enforced in the same manner as provided for the enforcement of collection of county taxes. The county commissioners at the time the taxes provided for by this section are assessed may appoint an agent or agents, skilled in road building, not members of their board, to superintend the expenditure thereof, who shall give bonds as provided in section 63. ~~Provided, however, that in deorganized towns, an assessment may be made of over 2% of the valuation thereof, in which case, the amount over the 2% may be paid by the state out of the general highway fund by agreement between the county commissioners and state highway commission before the assessment is made.~~

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 228

AN ACT Repealing Certain Limitations in Hunting with Bow and Arrow.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 110, amended. The last sentence of section 110 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is hereby repealed, as follows:

~~'No deer shall be shot from a raised platform or standing tree.'~~

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 229

AN ACT Relating to Duties of the Aeronautics Commission.

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

R. S., c. 24, § 5, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 5 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new sentence to read as follows:

'The Commission, with the consent of the Governor and Council, may lease facilities at state-owned airports on such terms as they direct.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 230

AN ACT Licensing Pin Ball Machines.

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

R. S., c. 100, §§ 68-A - 68-J, additional. Chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 10 new sections to be numbered 68-A to 68-J, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Pin Ball Machines.

Sec. 68-A. Unlawful without license. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association to keep for public patronage, or to permit or allow the operation of, any pin ball machine, in or on any premises or location under his or its charge, control or custody without having first obtained a license therefor from the clerk of the municipality where located.

Sec. 68-B. Definition. The term "pin ball machine" shall be only those machines nominally denominated as such which, upon the insertion of a coin, slug, token, plate or disc, may be operated by the public generally for use as game, entertainment or amusement, whether or not registering a score, and which is operated for amusement only and does not dispense any form of pay off, prize or reward except free replays.

Sec. 68-C. License requirements. The license required shall be obtained from said clerk upon the payment of an annual fee of \$5 for each premise on which such machine or machines shall be located and shall expire on June 30th of each year. The application for such license shall be made to the clerk upon a form supplied by him for that purpose and shall contain such information as he may require. No such license shall be granted to any person under the age of 21 nor to any firm, corporation or association whose officers are under said age.

Sec. 68-D. License posted. The license required shall be posted securely and conspicuously on the premises for which it is granted.

Sec. 68-E. Nontransferable. The license required shall not be transferable to any other person, firm, corporation or association, or from location to location, and shall be valid only at the location and for the person, firm, corporation or association designated therein.

Sec. 68-F. Minors under 16. No person, firm, corporation or association holding a license under sections 68-A to 68-J, inclusive, shall permit or allow any person under the age of 16 to play or operate any such machine in or on the licensed premises except when accompanied by parent or guardian.

Sec. 68-G. Application. Nothing in sections 68-A to 68-J, inclusive, shall in any way be construed to authorize, license or permit any gambling devices whatsoever or any mechanism that has been by the courts determined to be a gambling device or in any way contrary to law.

Sec. 68-H. Copy of license. A copy of this license shall be forwarded to the local police department.

Sec. 68-I. Revocation; appeal. Any such license may be revoked by the clerk:

- I. When it has been made to appear to the clerk that there has been a violation of the terms of sections 68-A to 68-H, inclusive, or
- II. When it has been made to appear to the clerk that the licensee himself or any of the officers of the firm, corporation or association are not proper persons to hold such a license, or
- III. When it has been made to appear to the clerk that the premises for which the license was granted is not a proper location.

The licensee shall have the right to appeal in writing such revocation to the municipal officers within 10 days. Said municipal officers may, after hearing, affirm, modify or repeal the decision of said clerk, and failure of the licensee to appeal within the time designated shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right of appeal and shall constitute an affirmation of the revocation.

Sec. 68-J. Violation. Any person, firm, or, in the case of a corporation or association, any official thereof, violating any of the provisions of 68-A to 68-I, inclusive, shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not exceeding \$25 for each offense, and each day such violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 231

AN ACT Creating an Interstate Compact on Mental Health.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 27-A, additional. The Revised Statutes are hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter to be numbered 27-A, to read as follows:

'Chapter 27-A.

INTERSTATE COMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH.

Sec. 1. Interstate compact on mental health. The contracting states solemnly agree that:

Article I. Purpose. The party states find that the proper and expeditious treatment of the mentally ill and mentally deficient can be facilitated by cooperative action, to the benefit of the patients, their families and society as a whole. The party states find that the necessity of and desirability for furnishing such care and treatment bears no primary relation to the residence or citizenship of the patient but that, on the contrary, the controlling factors of community safety and humanitarianism require that facilities and services be made available for all who are in need of them. Consequently, it is the purpose of this compact and of the party states to provide the necessary legal basis for the institutionalization or other appropriate care and treatment of the mentally ill and mentally deficient under a system that recognizes the paramount importance of patient welfare and to establish the responsibilities of the party states in terms of such welfare.

Article II. Definitions. As used in this compact:

I. "After-care" shall mean care, treatment and services provided a patient, as defined, on convalescent status or conditional release.

II. "Institution" shall mean any hospital or other facility maintained by a party state or political subdivision thereof for the care and treatment of mental illness or mental deficiency.

III. "Mental deficiency" shall mean mental deficiency as defined by appropriate clinical authorities to such extent that a person so afflicted is incapable