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Chapter 278

AN ACT Relating to Penalties for Careless Shooting of Human Beings While Hunting.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 146, amended. Section 146 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 146. Penalties for carelessly shooting human beings while engaged in hunting. Whoever, while on a hunting trip or in the pursuit of wild game or game birds, negligently or carelessly shoots and wounds, or kills any human being, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than ~~10 years~~ 11 months. The hunting license of any such person convicted under the provisions of this section shall be immediately revoked by the Commissioner upon receipt of an attested copy of the court records and such person shall not thereafter be eligible privileged to procure a hunting license; provided however that such license shall not be revoked pending appeal. ~~Persons convicted of negligently and carelessly shooting and wounding a human being while hunting in another state shall not be issued a license to hunt in this State.~~

Any person whose hunting license has been revoked upon conviction of violating the provisions of this section may, after the expiration of 1 year from the date of such revocation, petition the Commissioner for restoration of his privilege to procure such a license. The Commissioner, after hearing and after his determination that public safety will not be endangered by the restoration to the petitioner of such privilege, may restore the same. If the Commissioner disallows such a petition and thereby refuses to grant the restoration of such privilege, the petitioner may appeal to the Commissioner's Advisory Council which, after hearing on said petition, may allow the same and restore such privilege.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 279

AN ACT Permitting Towns to Collect Sewer Charges.

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

Sec. 1. Director's note. Repealed by P. L., 1957, c. 405, § 26. Re-enacted as R. S., c. 96, § 130-A by P. L., 1957, c. 405, § 18.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 96, § 134, repealed and replaced. Section 134 of chapter 96 of the Revised Statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 134. Collection of assessments. All assessments and charges made under the provisions of sections 128 to 133, inclusive, shall be certified by the municipal officers and filed with the tax collector for collection. If the person assessed, within 30 days after written notice of the amount of such assessments

and charges, fails, neglects or refuses to pay said municipality the expense thereby incurred, a special tax in the amount of such assessment and charges may be assessed by the municipal assessors upon each and every lot or parcel of land so assessed and buildings upon the same, and such assessment shall be included in the next annual warrant to the tax collector for collection, and shall be collected in the same manner as state, county and municipal taxes are collected.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 280

AN ACT Relating to Duties of Support Under Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act.

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

R. S., c. 167, § 9, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 9 of chapter 167 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Residence of the ~~petitioner~~ obligee shall determine the jurisdiction of the Court even though the petitioner may have been a party to a divorce granted in another jurisdiction in which support was allowed.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 281

AN ACT Providing for Certified Mail Under Small Claims Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 109, § 4, amended. Section 4 of chapter 109 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 4. Fees. Of the amount of the entry fee, the judge shall receive 75c. Of the \$1.25 remaining a sufficient sum shall be applied directly on the registered or certified postage mentioned in section 6 and the balance shall be retained by the clerk or recorder, or in towns where there is no clerk or recorder, by the judge in addition to the 75c fee mentioned above.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 109, § 6, amended. Section 6 of chapter 109 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 6. Notice to defendant. The judge shall cause notice of the claim and the substance thereof to be given to the defendant by sending a written statement to the defendant by postpaid registered or certified mail addressed to the defendant at his last known post-office address, delivery of said notice to be restricted to the defendant in person, and directing the defendant to appear at a time and place of hearing which shall be not less than 14 days from the date said notice is mailed to defendant. A return receipt showing that defendant