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forthwith sent by registered or certified mail to the alleged violator. If the forfeiture relates to a claim or mining lease, an appropriate entry shall be made on the records of the State Land Agent, after the time for appellate review has expired or the appeal finally determined.

The Mining Bureau shall have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any books, records, papers, accounts or documents from any person believed to have information pertinent to any matter to be heard before the Mining Bureau.

The fees of witnesses required to attend any hearing shall be the same as those allowed to witnesses appearing in the Superior Court.

Any Justice of the Superior Court upon application of the Mining Bureau may compel the attendance of witnesses and the giving of testimony before the Mining Bureau in the same manner, to the same extent and subject to the same penalties as if before said Court.

If any person is aggrieved by the decision of the Bureau, he may within 30 days thereafter appeal on matters of law, to any Justice of the Superior Court, by presenting to him a petition therefor, in term time or vacation. Such Justice shall forthwith fix a time and place for hearing, which may be in vacation, and cause notice thereof to be given to the Bureau; and after hearing, such Justice may affirm, modify or reverse the decision of the Bureau. Appeal by such aggrieved person or the Mining Bureau to the Law Court from such decision of such Superior Court Justice may be taken as in equity cases. Upon such appeal the proceedings shall be the same as in appeals in equity procedure, and the Law Court may, after consideration, reverse or modify any decree so made by a Justice based upon an erroneous ruling or finding of law.

Sec. 12. Rights acquired prior to effective date of act. All holders of claims duly recorded prior to the effective date of this act shall be required, insofar as may be consistent with their existing rights, to comply with the provisions of this chapter within one year from said effective date.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 294

AN ACT Relating to the Operation of Bicycles.

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

R. S., c. 22, §§ 147-A - 147-C, additional. Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 147-A to 147-C, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Operation of bicycles.

Sec. 147-A. Regulations. Every person propelling a bicycle shall ride said bicycle as far as practicable to the right side of the roadway at all times except when making a left turn.

A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than astride a regular and permanent seat attached thereto. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

No person riding upon any bicycle shall attach the same or himself to any moving vehicle upon a way.

Sec. 147-B. Equipment on bicycles. Every bicycle when in use in the night-time shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 200 feet to the front and with a red reflector to the rear which shall be visible at least 50 feet to the rear. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which shall enable the operator to stop the bicycle within a reasonable distance.

Sec. 147-C. Penalty. Any person of the age of 17 years or over who violates any of the provisions of sections 147-A and 147-B shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10. The chief of police of any municipality, or where there is no chief of police, the chairman of the board of selectmen, when satisfied that a juvenile under the age of 17 years has ridden a bicycle in violation of any of the provisions of sections 147-A and 147-B, may impound the bicycle for a period not to exceed 5 days for the first offense, for a period not to exceed 10 days for a second offense and for a period not to exceed 30 days for any subsequent offense.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 295

AN ACT Relating to Authority of Public Utilities Commission over Construction of Water Supply Systems.

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

R. S., c. 44, § 13, repealed and replaced. Section 13 of chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 298 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 13. Commission to approve cost of construction of water system, method of financing and engineering standards. All municipalities, persons, corporations and water districts, before commencing construction of any new water system or any major addition to or alteration of an existing water system, shall file with the Commission, in accordance with rules and regulations to be issued by it, and to the extent required by such rules and regulations, plans and specifications for such construction, additions or alteration for the advice of the Commission as to cost, method of financing and adherence to proper engineering standards.'

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