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Chapter 296

AN ACT Relating to Expenses of Members of State Liquor Commission.

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

R. S., c. 61, § 5, amended. Section 5 of chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 5. Salaries and expenses. The salary of the Chairman of the Commission shall be \$7,000 per year and the salary of each of the other members shall be \$5,000 per year, and in addition each member shall be allowed his reasonable expense incurred in the performance of his duties; ~~provided, however, that such.~~ Such expense shall not include travel between his place of residence and the Commission office, or board and lodging in the city or town where such office is located or in the city of Augusta.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 297

AN ACT Relating to Taxation of Domestic Fowl.

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

R. S., c. 91-A, § 9, sub-§ III-A, additional. Section 9 of chapter 91-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 399 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new subsection to be numbered III-A, to read as follows:

'III-A. The business of raising domestic fowl exclusively for meat purposes shall be taxed in the place where found on the basis of the value of the average number of fowl so kept during the preceding taxable year, or any portion of that period when the business has not been carried on for one year.

A. The average number of fowl so kept shall be determined on the basis of one bird per square foot of house capacity, or 25% of the total number of birds kept during the preceding period. House capacity shall be used unless the taxpayer shall have complied with the provisions of section 34.

B. If the business has been carried on for less than one year the following formula shall be used: the number of square feet of house capacity divided by 12, times the number of months or part thereof that the business has been carried on.

C. The tax shall be assessed upon the owner of the domestic fowl raised exclusively for meat purposes or may be assessed upon the person in possession. If assessed upon the person in possession, he shall have the same right to recover said tax as is provided for in paragraph B of subsection III.

D. When the business is so taxed, domestic fowl raised exclusively for meat purposes shall not be taxed under the provisions of subsection IV.

E. The absence of fowl on April 1st shall not be conclusive evidence as to the non-operation of the business of raising domestic fowl exclusively for meat purposes.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 298

AN ACT to Revise the Laws Relating to Vital Statistics.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25, § 378, repealed and replaced. Section 378 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Office of Vital Statistics

Sec. 378. Duties of Department. The Department shall establish an Office of Vital Statistics which shall maintain a state-wide system for the registration of vital statistics.

I. The Commissioner shall appoint a State Registrar of Vital Statistics, who shall be qualified in accordance with the standards of education and experience prescribed by the State Department of Personnel.

II. The State Registrar shall have charge of the Office of Vital Statistics and be custodian of its files and records. He shall preserve all certificates, records and other reports returned to him under the provisions of this chapter. He shall have general supervision of the provisions of this chapter and the regulations of the Department relating to the registration of vital statistics, and shall direct the activities of municipal clerks in the registration of vital statistics.

III. The State Registrar shall prescribe and furnish forms and issue instructions necessary to the administration of the vital statistics system. He shall prepare and publish annual reports of vital statistics and such other reports as are requested by the Department.

IV. The forms of certificates, records and other reports required by the laws governing the registration of vital statistics shall be designed with due consideration for national uniformity in vital statistics and record service.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 25, § 378-A, additional. Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 378-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 378-A. Duties of municipal clerks. The clerk of each municipality in this State shall keep a chronological record of all live births, marriages, deaths and fetal deaths reported to him under the provisions of this chapter. Such record shall be kept as prescribed by the State Registrar.

I. Each municipal clerk in this State shall enforce, so far as comes within his jurisdiction, the provisions of this chapter and the regulations of the Department relating to the registration of vital statistics.