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Chapter 398

AN ACT Relating to Premiums to Commercial Poultry Growers.

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

R. S., c. 32, § 29, repealed and replaced. Section 29 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 29. Associations. The Maine State Poultry Association and Androscoggin Poultry and Pet Stock Association and the Maine Broiler Growers Association and the Maine Poultry Improvement Association, nonprofit organizations, are authorized to promote the interests of commercial poultry breeding in Maine and improved poultry production in quality and efficiency by holding contests or exhibitions and awarding premiums on live poultry and poultry products, and to pay other incidentals thereof, provided an itemized account of all money expended be rendered each year to the Commissioner and upon his approval and presentation of proper vouchers said bills shall be paid. The sum appropriated to carry out the provisions of this section shall be apportioned between the said associations as the Commissioner may direct.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 399

AN ACT Relating to Compensation of Medical Examiners for View and Autopsy.

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

R. S., c. 89, § 252, amended. The 1st sentence of section 252 of chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Every medical examiner shall render an account of the expenses of each case, including his fees, to the county attorney, who shall audit and approve the same before it is submitted to the county commissioners for their approval, and the fees allowed the medical examiner shall not exceed the following, ~~viz~~: For a view and inquiry without an autopsy, \$15; for a view and autopsy, \$50; when the medical examiner performing an autopsy is a pathologist, \$100, whether he makes a view or not; for an inquest, \$10 per day for the time actually spent in holding such inquest and for all necessary travel at the rate of 10c per mile.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 400

AN ACT Relating to Facilities Furnished by Public Utilities for Rate Fixing Purposes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 44, § 17, amended. Section 17 of chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 17. Public utility to furnish safe and reasonable facilities; charges reasonable and just. Every public utility is required to furnish safe, reasonable and adequate facilities. The rate, toll or charge, or any joint rate made, exacted, demanded or collected by any public utility for the conveyance or transportation of persons or property between points within this State, or for any heat, light, water or power produced, transmitted, delivered or furnished, or for any telephone or telegraph message conveyed, or for any service rendered or to be rendered in connection with any public utility, shall be just and reasonable. In determining just and reasonable rates, the Commission shall provide such revenues to the utility as may be required to perform its public service and to attract necessary capital on just and reasonable terms. Every unjust or unreasonable charge for such service is prohibited and declared unlawful.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 44, § 18, amended. Section 18 of chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 18. Valuation of property made for fixing rates. In determining reasonable and just rates, tolls and charges, the Commission shall fix a reasonable value upon all the property of any public utility used or required to be used in its service to the public within the State and a fair return thereon. In fixing such reasonable value, the Commission shall give due consideration to evidence of the cost of the property when first devoted to public use, prudent acquisition cost to the utility, ~~current value thereof~~ less depreciation on each, and any other factors or evidence material and relevant thereto but such other factors shall not include current value. In making such valuation, the Commission may avail itself of any reports, records or other information available to it in the office of any state officer or board.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 401

AN ACT Relating to Construction Reserve Fund in Department of Finance and Administration.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 34-A, additional. Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 34-A, to read as follows:

'Construction Reserve Fund.

Sec. 34-A. Allocations from the construction reserve fund. Funds appropriated by the Legislature to the construction reserve fund may be allocated by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, whenever:

- I. The Legislature makes specific recommendations for the use of funds appropriated to the construction reserve fund;
- II. An increase in construction or equipment costs results in a project cost in excess of the amount appropriated therefor by the Legislature;
- III. A condition arises during the course of a project which necessitates a change in plans, specifications or equipment resulting in a project cost in excess of funds previously made available therefor;