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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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sum of \$700 from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund of the State for the purpose of grading and fixing certain graves.

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 152

RESOLVE, Relating to Research and Experimental Work in Relation to the Eradication of Aquatic Weeds.

Research and experimental work re aquatic weeds. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$4,000 to be credited to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game. Said sum shall be a continuing carrying account for the purpose of permitting the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game to carry on research and experimental work in such great ponds as they may desire related to the eradication of aquatic weeds.

Such sums as may be made available by any political subdivision of the State may be utilized by the Department for carrying out the purposes of this resolve.

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 153

RESOLVE, Authorizing Legislative Research Committee Study of the Problems of the Uninsured Motorist.

Research Committee to study problems attributable to the Uninsured Motorist. Resolved: That in the interests of determining and effectuating such measures as shall be necessary and lawful for the protection of drivers, passengers, pedestrians and property owners in this State from the grievous and irreparable consequences of acts perpetrated by financially irresponsible car owners and operators, that the Legislative Research Committee be, and hereby is, authorized to make a general survey of existing State laws relating to the safe use of the highways of this State and the financial responsibility of the users of such highways; that the survey shall evaluate the policies of the Insurance Department in relation to their effectiveness in meeting the liability needs of the State, and determine the extent to which owners of motor vehicles registered in the State carry liability insurance; that the survey shall examine and evaluate the financial requirements of the motor vehicle laws of the State and such policies, rules and regulations that implement their administration; that in making such survey all available materials relating to the use of state highways by financially irresponsible motorists in the several states shall be gathered, examined, compiled and evaluated, including such federal requirements as may be pertinent; that the survey shall include, but not be limited to, study and consideration of legal, administrative and cost matters relating to motor vehicle safety responsibility, impoundment, unsatisfied judgment funds, compulsory insurance, equal financial responsibility, statutory assigned risks, innocent victim endorsements, uncollectible claims funds, highway safety needs and requirements and such other matters as may be necessary; and be it further

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Resolved: That the Committee shall have authority to employ such expert and professional advisors and counsel as in its judgment may determine within the limits of funds provided; and be it further

Resolved: That a report of the survey be prepared by the Committee including the recommendations made and the reasons therefor; and that said Committee shall reproduce the same in suitable form and distribute copies thereof to the members of the 99th Legislature; and be it further

Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund of the State the sum of \$2,000 to carry out the purposes of this resolve. Such appropriation shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1959.

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 154

RESOLVE, Appropriating Money for Forest Rehabilitation.

Forest rehabilitation; appropriating money. Resolved: That the State authorize and institute a Forest Rehabilitation Program making use of Federal funds as and if available, on unstocked and poorly stocked potential forest land, either public or private, with first priority to areas burned in 1947; that use of inmates of State Institutions, including penal, be authorized whenever possible or feasible in the Rehabilitation Program; that the sum of \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 and \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 be and hereby is appropriated from the general fund for use by the State Forestry Department to grow forest nursery trees and participate in the cost of such forest rehabilitation up to 50% of the total cost on private land, including the value of trees; and any unexpended balances shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30th, 1959.

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 155

RESOLVE, Authorizing Funds for Medical and Dental Education for New England Board of Higher Education.

New England Board of Higher Education; appropriation to. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the general fund of the State the sum of \$20,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 and the sum of \$20,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959, to be paid to the New England Board of Higher Education for medical and dental education. The Board shall keep said moneys in a separate fund and shall account for their expenditure to the Governor and Council on or before October 1st annually.

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