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chapter 317 and as amended by section 2 of chapter 423, both of the public laws of 1957, is further amended to read as follows:

'The State Highway Commission, the Secretary of State and the Chief of the State Police, acting jointly, shall also have authority to increase the speeds of all motor vehicles at any and all points on the highway where, in their opinion, higher speeds are warranted to promote the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, provided that such increased speed shall not exceed 60 miles per hour for pleasure vehicles, **except on the interstate system such increased speed shall not exceed 70 miles per hour for pleasure vehicles**, and 50 miles per hour for commercial vehicles registered for over 6,000 pounds or school buses, conveying children to and from school or a school event. **This section shall not apply to that portion of the interstate system which is part of the Maine Turnpike.**

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 72

AN ACT Relating to Speed of Motor Vehicles on Highways Under Construction.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 113-B, amended. The first paragraph of section 113-B of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 5 of chapter 317 of the public laws of 1957 and as amended by section 2 of chapter 423 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended to read as follows:

~~'Notwithstanding~~ **Except as provided in section 113-D and notwithstanding** the provisions of section 113, subsection II, the State Highway Commission, the Secretary of State and the Chief of the State Police, acting jointly, shall have authority to restrict the speed of all motor vehicles at any and all points on the highway where in the opinion of the commission, the Secretary of State and the Chief of the State Police, acting jointly, a rate of speed less than that now authorized by law will minimize the danger of accident and in each such place shall fix the rate of speed in accordance with their own judgment. The State Highway Commission, the Secretary of State and the Chief of the State Police, acting jointly, shall also have authority to increase the speeds of all motor vehicles at any and all points on the highway where, in their opinion, higher speeds are warranted to promote the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, provided that such increased speed shall not exceed 60 miles per hour for pleasure vehicles and 50 miles per hour for commercial vehicles registered for over 6,000 pounds or school buses, conveying children to and from school or a school event.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 113-D, additional. Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be numbered 113-D, as follows:

'Sec. 113-D. **Speed limitations on highway under construction. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 113, subsection II and section 113-B, the State Highway Commission shall have authority to restrict the speed of all motor vehicles at any and all points on a highway under construction where in the opinion of the commission a rate of speed less than that now authorized by**

law will minimize the danger of accident and in each such place shall fix the rate of speed in accordance with its own judgment.

It shall be unlawful to drive in excess of such speeds as may be fixed pursuant to this section provided that notice of such changes in speed shall be given by signs which shall be erected by the commission and which appear on the highway. The presence of such signs on the highway shall be prima facie evidence that they were erected in accordance with this section, that they provide the notice required by this section and that the speeds indicated thereon were fixed in accordance with this section. This section shall not apply to construction areas on the Maine Turnpike.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 73

AN ACT Relating to Digging Out Foxes.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 120, amended. Section 120 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 120. Digging out foxes. It shall be lawful to dig out foxes at any time and to hunt foxes at any time, except Sunday and in the nighttime ~~in~~ ~~organized territory of this State.~~ It shall be lawful to trap foxes or to cause to have foxes trapped at any time on one's own land, within a distance of 100 yards from a shelter or range where poultry is raised or kept.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 74

AN ACT Creating the Fish Marketing Act.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, a great number of our citizens of the State of Maine are dependent for their livelihood upon the catching of fishing products; and

Whereas, it is imperative that such products be marketed with efficiency and speed, in order to avoid waste, causing economic loss; and

Whereas, such efficient marketing will substantially increase the monetary return which our citizens will be able to obtain for their efforts; and

Whereas, it is vital in order to permit further economic gains for our citizens in obtaining federal tax advantages, to enable them to organize under the provisions of this act with the least possible delay; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legis-