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'The State Highway Commission and municipal officers, in their respective jurisdictions, may erect standard signs requiring vehicles, or drivers of vehicles, to "yield" the right of way at certain intersections, including approaches to through ways or previously designated "Stop" intersections where it is expedient to allow traffic to move through or into the intersection at a reasonable speed for existing conditions of traffic and visibility, in no case greater than 15 miles per hour yielding the right of way to all vehicles or pedestrians approaching from either direction on the intersecting street which are so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 126

AN ACT Relating to Display of Lights on Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 136, amended. Section 136 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 136. Display of lights. Every vehicle, whether stationary or in motion, on any way or bridge shall have attached to it a light or lights so displayed as to be visible from the front and rear thereof during the period from $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after sunset to $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise; provided, however, that this, and at any other time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of 500 feet ahead. This section shall not apply to any vehicle which is designed to be propelled by hand, nor to any vehicle not in motion and parked or beside a curb in a place and under conditions where there is sufficient artificial light to make such vehicle clearly visible from a distance not less than 100 feet in each direction.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 127

AN ACT Entitling Blind Persons Accompanied by Guide Dogs to Certain Accommodations.

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

R. S., c. 137, § 54, additional. Chapter 137 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be numbered 54, to read as follows:

'Blind Persons with Guide Dogs.

Sec. 54. Blind persons with guide dogs. Notwithstanding any provision of the law, any blind person accompanied by a trained guide dog, which is used as a leader or guide, shall be entitled to any and all accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of all public conveyances, public amusements and places of public accommodations, within this State to which persons not accompanied

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by dogs are entitled, subject only to the conditions and limitations applicable to all persons not accompanied by dogs, and no blind person shall be required to pay any charge or fare on account of the transportation on any public conveyance of himself and such dog so accompanying him, in addition to the charge or fare lawfully chargeable for his own transportation. The management of any such public conveyances, public amusements and places of public accommodations may require a blind owner of a guide dog to show written evidence that his dog has been educated, trained and intended, in fact, to perform such guide service for him; and the foregoing management may also require the owner to muzzle his guide dog while on their respective premises. Whoever deprives any blind person of any right conferred by this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$300.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 128

AN ACT Relating to Registration of Certain Vehicles Owned by Maine Residents.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 13, amended. Section 13 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end, a new paragraph, as follows:

'Maine residents, who register vehicles in another state, may operate such vehicles in Maine in the event of a breakdown without procuring Maine registrations, provided such breakdowns are reported within 48 hours to the Chief of the State Police and provided such vehicles are registered in a state which has other reciprocal registration agreements with the State of Maine.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 129

AN ACT Relating to Qualifications of Directors of Corporations.

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

R. S., c. 53, § 32, amended. The 4th sentence of section 32 of chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 35 of chapter 397 of the public laws of 1957, is repealed and the following sentence enacted in place thereof:

'Directors need not be stockholders if the charter or by-laws of the corporation so provide.'