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Chapter 169

AN ACT Relating to Examination of Insurance Agents and Brokers.

Effective September 12, 1959

Director's note: Repealed by P. L., 1959, c. 346, § 21.

Chapter 170

AN ACT Relating to Protection from Nuclear Loss in Standard Fire Insurance Policy.

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

R. S., c. 60, § 105-A, additional. Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be numbered 105-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 105-A. Protection from nuclear loss allowed in standard fire insurance policy. The standard policy as set forth in section 105 is not intended to cover loss or damage caused by nuclear reaction or nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination, all whether or not directly or indirectly resulting from an insured peril under said policy.'

Insurers issuing the standard policy pursuant to section 105 are authorized to affix thereto or include therein a written statement that the policy does not cover loss or damage caused by nuclear reaction or nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination, all whether or not directly or indirectly resulting from an insured peril under said policy. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the attachment to any such policy of an endorsement or endorsements specifically assuming coverage for loss or damage caused by nuclear reaction or nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 171

AN ACT Relating to Obstructing Windshields of Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 39-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be numbered 39-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 39-A. Windshields unobstructed. No person shall drive any motor vehicle with any sign, poster or other nontransparent material upon the front windshield, side wings or side or rear windows of such vehicle which obstructs the driver's clear view of the highway or any intersecting highway.'

It shall be unlawful to operate a motor vehicle with an object placed or hung in or upon the vehicle other than the required or provided equipment of the

vehicle in such a manner as to obstruct or interfere with the view of the operator through the windshield or to prevent him from having a clear and full view of the road and conditions of traffic behind such vehicle.

This section shall not apply to the stickers required by section 45 or civil defense stickers, when placed in the lower left hand corner of the windshield, or "No Riders" stickers. In lieu of a "No Rider" sticker, a sticker not to exceed 3½ inches by 3½ inches may be used.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 172

AN ACT Relating to Use of Surplus Funds by Counties.

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

R. S., c. 89, § 30-A, repealed and replaced. Section 30-A of chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 262 of the public laws of 1955, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 30-A. Surplus funds. The county commissioners of any county may authorize the transfer of an amount from unencumbered surplus funds at the end of any fiscal year for the purpose of reducing the tax levy in the ensuing year or to supplement estimated revenues for the same purpose.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 173

AN ACT Prohibiting Signature or Countersignature by Rubber Stamp or Other Facsimile.

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

R. S., c. 60, § 29-A, additional. Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be numbered 29-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 29-A. Signature must be in person. When the provisions of this chapter require an insurance agent's signature or countersignature it must be written by the person of whom it is required. A rubber stamp or other facsimile may not be used.

I. Exception by power of attorney. The agent may grant a power of attorney to a person who is 21 years of age or over to sign insurance policies and endorsements for him, but he must first obtain the permission of the Insurance Commissioner and of the proper official of the company which issues the policies or endorsements.

II. Exception for air travel accident insurance. This section shall not apply to air travel accident insurance issued through a dispensing machine as provided under section 118, subsection I, paragraph A, subparagraph 8.'

Effective September 12, 1959