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There shall be an open season on deer in each calendar year in the zones described above as follows:

Zone 1. November 1st to November 3oth.

Zone 2. October 27th to November 3oth.

Zone 3. October 15th to November 3oth.'

Sec. 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect January 1, 1960.

Effective January 1, 1960

Chapter 227

AN ACT Relating to Suspension of Motor Vehicle Licenses for Speeding.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 165, amended. Section 165 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 165. Court record of conviction sent to Secretary of State; public record. Every court and trial justice in every case wherein a person is convicted of the violation of any statute relative to motor vehicles or to the operation of any vehicle shall forthwith transmit to the Secretary of State an abstract, duly certified, setting forth therein the names of the parties, the nature of the offense, the date of hearing, the plea, the judgment and the result; and in cases involving any violation of sections 112 to 113-C the abstract shall contain the legal speed involved and the speed of which the person was convicted; and they shall be open to public inspection during reasonable hours. Said magistrates may make such recommendations to the Secretary of State as to suspension or revocation of licenses and certificates of registration of respondents as they deem to be in furtherance of justice.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 228

AN ACT Relating to Municipal Records.

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

R. S., c. 90-A, § 57-A, additional. Chapter 90-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section I of chapter 405 of the public laws of 1957, is amended by adding a new section 57-A, as follows:

'Sec. 57-A. Preservation of municipal records. The old records of any municipality which in the opinion of the municipal officers are in danger of being rendered valueless because of the ravages of time or which have no permanent value to the municipality may be disposed of subject to the following conditions:

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- I. The municipal officers may dispose of old records as herein provided when so authorized by the legislative body. Authority once given shall be deemed continuing.
- II. The municipal officers together with the clerk and treasurer shall constitute a committee to review such municipal records as may be disposed of, shall carry out such disposition and shall file due certificate thereof which shall be recorded by the municipal clerk. The certificate shall state the type of record, the number of records, the method of disposition and the date of each such disposition.
- III. The following municipal records may be disposed of as herein provided:

	Statutory Period of Retention	Disposition
A. Municipal officers' and treasurer's records		
 Ledger and journal entry record Checks and bills Vouchers and treasurer's receipts Treasurer's warrants Distribution record Payrolls Tax lien records of treasurer Minutes of selectmen's meetings 	7 yrs. 6 yrs. 6 yrs. 6 yrs. 20 yrs. 6 yrs. 10 yrs. 20 yrs.	Microfilm Destroy Destroy Microfilm Destroy Destroy Microfilm
B. Tax collector's records		
 Commitment, regular and supplemental Cash sheets Excise tax records Tax collector's settlement 	20 yrs. 6 yrs. 3 yrs. 20 yrs.	Microfilm Destroy Destroy Microfilm
C. Assessors' records		
 Valuation book Tax exemption records Abatement records 	20 yrs. 20 yrs. 20 yrs.	Microfilm Microfilm Microfilm
D. Town clerk's records		
1. Town meeting and council records 2. Security titles for personal property	20 yrs.	Microfilm
(chattel mortgages, conditional sales, etc.)	6 yrs.	Microfilm _
3. Dog licenses4. Oath books(a) If oath books are not kept	3 yrs.	Destroy
forms of oaths given or taken' shall be preserved or microfilmed after 20 years. (b) If oath books are kept forms of oaths given or taken' may be destroyed after 20 years.	20 Yrs.	Microfilm
destroyed arter 20 years.	20 yrs.	Destroy

IV. Records disposed of by microfilming shall be accomplished by the production of 2 positive films, one to be retained by the municipality in a fire-

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proof container and properly labeled to show the contents, the other to be certified to the county for permanent storage. Records that have been microfilmed may be retained, destroyed or otherwise disposed of as the municipal officers shall determine.

- V. Valuation books prior to the year 1900 need not be microfilmed or retained.
- VI. Town meeting records and city council records prior to the year 1900 need not be microfilmed unless legible, but such records shall be carefully preserved.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 229

AN ACT Providing Subsidy to Driver Education.

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

- Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 218-A, amended. Section 218-A of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 26 of chapter 443 of the public laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:
- 'Sec. 218-A. Purpose. The purpose of sections 218-A and 218-B is to develop the knowledge, attitudes, habits and skills necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles, through classroom instruction and behind the wheel driving and observation in a dual control automobile, by encouraging superintending school committees or school directors of the several administrative units of the State to make provision for this instruction in all the public secondary schools and academies receiving tuition students as described in section 107.'
- Sec. 2. R. S., c. 41, § 218-B, subsection II, amended. Subsection II of section 218-B of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 27 of chapter 443 of the public laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:
 - 'II. Special subsidies shall be paid in September to the administrative units for all courses in driver education according to the following plan: \$10 for each pupil satisfactorily completing the driver education course during the preceding school year. Such driver education course shall meet the approval of the commissioner in regard to teacher qualifications, limitations as to the number of pupils and the course of study offered.

Notwithstanding sections 105 and 107, the superintending school committee of an administrative unit, which does not maintain an approved secondary school, shall pay, upon receipt from the State, such special subsidy to the superintending school committee or school directors of any nearby administrative unit, or the trustees of any academy located within such town or in any nearby town or towns, for the schooling of all or part of the pupils within said administrative unit in driver education.'