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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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Sec. 49-C. License to feed garbage; heating; inspection. No person shall feed garbage to swine without first procuring a license therefor from the commissioner or his duly authorized agent. Such licenses shall be procured annually for a fee of \$1 and shall be renewed on the first day of June of each succeeding year. This section shall not apply to any person who feeds his own household garbage only to swine which are raised for such person's own use.

Garbage, regardless of previous processing, shall, before being fed to swine, be thoroughly heated to at least 212° F. for at least 30 minutes, unless treated in some other manner which shall be approved in writing by the commissioner or his duly authorized agent.

The commissioner or his duly authorized agent shall have the power to enter at reasonable times any private or public property for the purpose of investigating conditions relating to the treating or feeding of garbage.

Sec. 49-D. Animals infected. Any animal infected with or exposed to foot and mouth disease shall be killed, buried, destroyed, rendered, processed or otherwise disposed of under the direct supervision of the commissioner or his duly authorized agent.

Sec. 49-E. Suppression and eradication. The commissioner or his agent is authorized to conduct approved diagnostic tests, procure necessary animals, personnel, equipment and facilities and take other necessary precautions for the suppression and eradication of any disease among domestic animals.

Sec. 49-F. Disposition of carcasses. The commissioner may cause the owner to make proper disposition of carcasses of domestic animals that have died of, or been condemned for certain contagious or infectious diseases, or carcasses of domestic animals from farms, herds, flocks or areas where certain contagious or infectious diseases are or have been present. Proper disposition means burning, burying, rendering or other disposition prescribed by the commissioner.

Sec. 49-G. Penalty. Whoever violates any provisions of sections 48-A to 49-F, or any rule and regulation promulgated thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment, or by both.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 32, §§ 49-87, repealed. Sections 49 to 76 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, sections 76-A and 76-B of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 5 of chapter 320 of the public laws of 1955, and sections 77 to 87 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, are repealed.

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 240

AN ACT Repealing Gero Island, Piscataquis County, as a Game Preserve.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 149, amended. That part of section 149 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, which relates to Gero Island, is repealed, as follows:

'Gero Island: The whole of the island in the lake created by Ripogenus dam, known as Ripogenus or Chesuncook lake, which island is known as Gero Island, and is situated wholly within the plantation of Chesuncook.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 241

AN ACT to Create the Maine Fertilizer Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 32, §§ 215-A to 215-J, additional. Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 10 new sections to be numbered 215-A to 215-J, to read as follows:

'Maine Commercial Fertilizer Law.

Sec. 215-A. Title. Sections 215-A to 215-J shall be known as the "Maine Commercial Fertilizer Law".

Sec. 215-B. Enforcing official. Sections 215-A to 215-J shall be administered by the Commissioner of Agriculture, hereinafter in sections 215-A to 215-J referred to as the "commissioner".

Sec. 215-C. Definitions. When used in sections 215-A to 215-J:

I. The term "agricultural lime" means any substance that contains calcium or magnesium intended or sold for fertilizing purposes or for neutralizing soil acidity, and shall include gypsum if intended for agricultural use.

II. The term "brand" means a term, design or trade mark used in connection with one or several grades of commercial fertilizer.

III. The term "bulk fertilizers" means commercial fertilizer distributed in a non-packaged form.

IV. The term "commercial fertilizer" includes mixed fertilizer or fertilizer materials, or both.

V. The term "commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture or his authorized agent.

VI. The term "distribute" means to offer for sale, sell, barter or otherwise supply commercial fertilizers. The term "distributor" means any person who distributes.

VII. The term "fertilizer material" means any substance containing nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium or any recognized plant nutrient element or compound which is used primarily for its plant nutrient content or for compounding mixed fertilizers except unmanipulated animal and vegetable manures.