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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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## Chapter 252

AN ACT Relating to Duties of the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

R. S., c. 10, § 7, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 7 of chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'He shall when the Legislature is not in session be the executive officer of the Legislature, and unless the Legislature otherwise order, have custody of all legislative property and material, arrange for necessary supplies, ~~service~~ and equipment through the State Bureau of Purchases, arrange for necessary service, make all arrangements for incoming sessions of the Legislature, have general oversight of chambers and rooms occupied by the Legislature, permit state departments to use legislative property, dispose of surplus or obsolete material through the continuing property record section of the Bureau of Public Improvements with the approval of the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate and approve accounts for payment. The clerk shall maintain a perpetual inventory of all legislative property and make an accounting to the Legislature upon request.'

Effective September 12, 1959

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## Chapter 253

AN ACT to Prohibit Excessive Noise from Mufflers on Motor Vehicles.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding after the 8th paragraph a new paragraph to read as follows:

'"Muffler" shall mean a device consisting of a series of chambers or baffle plates or other mechanical design for the purpose of receiving exhaust gas from an internal combustion engine, and effective in reducing noise.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 41, amended. The last 2 sentences of section 41 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes are repealed as follows:

~~'All motor vehicles shall be equipped with a muffler of such construction and device as to prevent excessive noise. No person operating a motor vehicle shall at any time open the muffler cut out or permit the exhaust to make any unnecessary noise.'~~

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 41-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be numbered 41-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 41-A. Mufflers; prevention of noise. No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any way unless the same be equipped at all times with an adequate muffler in constant operation and properly maintained to prevent any excessive or unusual noise. No such muffler or exhaust system shall be equipped with a cut-out, by-pass or similar device. No person shall operate a motor

vehicle the exhaust system of which has been modified so as to amplify or increase the noise emitted by the motor of such vehicle above that emitted by the muffler originally installed on the vehicle and such original muffler shall comply with all of the requirements of this section.'

Sec. 4. Effective date. This act shall become effective on April 1, 1960.

Effective April 1, 1960

## Chapter 254

### AN ACT Relating to Fishing in Waters of Piscataquis County.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 45, amended. The first 2 paragraphs of section 45 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, are amended to read as follows:

No person shall take, catch, kill or have in possession more than 10 fish of the salmon, trout, togue or black bass species in the Counties of Franklin ~~and~~, Somerset and Piscataquis during any one day of any open season, from any or all of the rivers, streams, brooks, lakes and ponds in said counties, and which 10 fish shall not exceed a total weight of 7½ pounds in all, unless the last fish caught increases the combined weight thereof to more than 7½ pounds, except as provided for by rules and regulations of the department under section 9.

No person shall take, catch, kill or have in possession more than 15 fish of the salmon, trout, togue or black bass species in the Counties of Aroostook, Androscoggin, Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, ~~Piscataquis~~ Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington and York during any one day of any open season, from any or all of the rivers, streams, brooks, lakes and ponds in said counties, and which 15 fish shall not exceed a total weight of 7½ pounds in all, unless the last fish caught increases the combined weight thereof to more than 7½ pounds, except as provided for by rules and regulations of the department under section 9.'

Effective September 12, 1959

## Chapter 255

### AN ACT Regulating Commercial Fishing for Smelts.

Effective September 12, 1959

Director's note: Repealed by P. L., 1959, c. 331, § 6. Reenacted as R. S., c. 37-A, § 40 by P. L., 1959, c. 331, § 1.