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- II. Excise taxes collected in unorganized places shall be credited by the county treasurer as undedicated funds for the unorganized place in which the tax was payable.
- Sec. 132. False statements to any person receiving tax. Any person willfully making any false statement to any person charged with the duty of receiving this tax and issuing the receipt therefor, when making statement for the purpose of the levy of said tax hereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$25.'
- Sec. 2. R. S., c. 91-A, § 10, sub-§ V, ¶ N, additional. Subsection V of section 10 of chapter 91-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 399 of the public laws of 1955, is amended by adding a new paragraph, to be lettered N, to read as follows:
 - 'N. Vehicles exempt from excise tax in accordance with section 125.'
- Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 15-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section, to be numbered 15-A, to read as follows:
- 'Sec. 15-A. Payment of excise or personal property tax before registration. No motor vehicle or house trailer shall be registered under this chapter until the excise tax or personal property tax has been paid in accordance with chapter 91-A, sections 124 and 126.'
- Sec. 4. R. S., c. 24, § 13, sub-§ II, ¶ A, additional. Subsection II of section 13 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph, to be lettered A, to read as follows:
 - 'A. No aircraft shall be registered under this section until the excise tax or personal property tax has been paid in accordance with chapter 91-A, sections 124 and 126.'
- Sec. 5. R. S., c. 22, § 16, sub-§ III, amended. Subsection III of section 16 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 191 of the public laws of 1955, is further amended by repealing the next to the last paragraph thereof.
- Sec. 6. R. S., c. 22, §§ 49-59, repealed. Sections 49 to 59 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 7. P. L., 1959, c. 194, repealed; limitation. Chapter 194 of the public laws of 1959, heretofore passed by this Legislature, amending the first paragraph of section 51-A of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, is hereby repealed and shall not be printed as part of the session laws of 1959.

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 309

AN ACT Empowering the Supreme Judicial Court to Promulgate Rules.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the 98th Legislature authorized the Supreme Judicial Court to promulgate rules of practice and procedure in civil actions; and

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Whereas, there is pending before the 99th Legislature a bill to amend the Revised Statutes in accordance with the rules to be promulgated by the Supreme Judicial Court; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that such rules be promulgated and become effective after public distribution and information have been made available; and

Whereas, it is imperative that the following legislation be enacted to prevent inconsistencies between such rules and the statutes in order to prevent hardship on the substantive rights of the inhabitants of Maine who may be or become litigants; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., c. 103, § 7-A, amended. The last sentence of the first paragraph of section 7-A of chapter 103 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 159 of the public laws of 1957, is repealed and the following sentences enacted in place thereof:

'They shall take effect on such date not less than 6 months after their promulgation as the Supreme Judicial Court may fix. After their promulgation the Supreme Judicial Court may repeal, amend, modify or add to them from time to time with or without a waiting period. After the effective date of said rules as promulgated or amended, all laws in conflict therewith shall be of no further force or effect.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective May 15, 1959

Chapter 310

AN ACT Relating to Certain Acts Constituting Lotteries.

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

R. S., c. 139, § 18, amended. Section 18 of chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding thereto a new paragraph to read as follows:

'This section shall not prohibit the awarding of a prize or thing of value as the result of a drawing of a signed slip or certificate where there is no monetary consideration required from the signatory in order to participate in the drawing.'