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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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'Whenever any motor truck or truck tractor having a registration or short term permit in excess of 15,000 pounds is disabled upon the traveled portion of the highway or shoulder next thereto, the operator thereof shall, during the time that lights are required, place 3 lighted flares or 3 red lanterns or 3 emergency reflectors on the roadway as follows: one flare or one lantern or one red emergency reflector in the center of the lane of traffic occupied by said disabled motor vehicle not less than 100 feet distant therefrom in the direction of traffic approaching in that lane, one flare or red lantern or one red emergency reflector not less than 100 feet from such vehicle in the center of said lane in the opposite direction and one flare or one red lantern or one red emergency reflector at the traffic side of such vehicle not closer than 10 feet from the front or rear thereof; except that if such vehicle shall be a vehicle used for the transportation of inflammable liquids or gas in bulk, only red electric lanterns or red emergency reflectors shall be placed as provided.'

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 37

AN ACT Relating to Fees of Town Clerks for Recording Instruments by Photostat.

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

R. S., c. 90-A, § 48, sub-§ I, ¶ N, amended. Paragraph N of subsection I of section 48 of chapter 90-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 405 of the public laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:

'N. Any other instrument entitled to be recorded, including an executed assignment attached to or made a part of it before it is received for recording, \$1.50 for the first 500 words, and 50c for each additional 100 words or part thereof. In a municipality which records by photostat the fee is \$1 each for the first 5 pages and 50c each for each succeeding page.

1. If the clerk is furnished a true copy of the original instrument suitable for filing ~~or photostating for the municipal records in a municipality which does not photostat~~, the fee is \$1.

~~In a municipality which records by photostat, the copy may be destroyed after it has been properly photostated and indexed.'~~

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 38

AN ACT Relating to Application of Federal Social Security to Policemen.

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

R. S., c. 65, § 1, amended. The last sentence of section 1 of chapter 65 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 65 of chapter 429 of the public laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:

~~'The provisions of this~~ This chapter shall not apply to teachers ~~police~~men and firemen who are under a state or local government pension or retirement plan, except teachers at the Maine Maritime Academy.'

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 39

AN ACT Increasing Debt Limit Under Small Claims Law.

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

R. S., c. 109, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 109 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 44 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. "Small claim" defined. A "small claim" is any right of action cognizable by a court of law not involving the title to real estate in which the debt or damage claimed does not exceed ~~\$50~~ \$100.'

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 40

AN ACT Relating to Cheating by False Pretenses.

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

R. S., c. 133, § 11, amended. Section 11 of chapter 133 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

'A promise, if unconditional and made without present intention of performance, will constitute a false pretense within this section.'

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 41

AN ACT Relating to Order of Divorce Concerning Minor Children.

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

R. S., c. 166, § 70, amended. The first paragraph of section 70 of chapter 166 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'The court making ~~a decree~~ an order of nullity or of divorce ~~or any justice thereof in vacation~~ may also ~~decree~~ make an order concerning the care, custody and support of the minor children of the parties and with which parents any of them shall live, or grant the care and custody of said children to a 3rd person or to some suitable society or institution for the care and protection of children or