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purpose of reading signs, and as an auxiliary light in cases of necessity when the other lights required by law fail to operate. The fog or auxiliary light shall emit a white or amber beam of light. ~~This section shall not apply to ambulances, police and fire department vehicles, vehicles operated by state, city and town fire inspectors, to motor vehicles operated by chiefs of police and by chiefs and assistant chiefs of fire departments, vehicles engaged in highway maintenance, wreckers and public utility emergency service vehicles.~~

There shall not be used on or in connection with any motor vehicle a red or blue light, the beam from which is visible to the front of said vehicle, except that emergency vehicles, so called, may display lights which emit a red or blue beam to the front thereof only under the following classifications:

I. Ambulances, fire department vehicles. Lights used on ambulances, fire department vehicles, vehicles operated by city and town fire inspectors, and by vehicles operated by chiefs and assistant chiefs of fire departments shall emit a red beam of light. When authorized by the municipal officers of a municipality, countersigned by the fire chief, a red blinker or flashing red signal light, not more than 5 inches in diameter, may be mounted as near as practicable above the registration plate on the front of a motor vehicle operated by a member of a volunteer fire department. Such light may be displayed but shall not be in operation except while such vehicle is in use for fire or other emergency service. No volunteer firemen shall operate a red blinker or flashing red signal light upon such motor vehicle, except while actually enroute to the scene of a fire or other emergency requiring his services and unless he shall be an active member of such department. Nothing herein shall limit the use of lights showing a red beam of light to the front of school buses provided said lights are of a type approved by the Secretary of State as stated in section 48.

II. Police department vehicles. Lights used on police department vehicles and on motor vehicles operated by chiefs of police, state fire inspectors, inland fisheries and game wardens, sea and shore fisheries wardens, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs shall emit a blue beam of light.

III. Emergency service vehicles. Lights used on vehicles engaged in highway maintenance, wreckers and public utility emergency service vehicles shall emit an amber beam of light.

The use of these auxiliary lights shall not relieve the owner or operator of an emergency vehicle from conforming to section 43.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 144-A, repealed. Section 144-A of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 298 of the public laws of 1959, is repealed.

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 117

AN ACT Relating to Definition of Owner Under Motor Vehicle Law.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 1, sub-§ IX, amended. Subsection IX of section 1 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 370 of the public laws of 1955, is further amended to read as follows:

IX. Owner. "Owner" for the purposes of registration only shall mean any person, firm, corporation or association ~~owning a vehicle holding title to a motor vehicle or having exclusive right to the use thereof for a period greater than 30 days or the mortgagor or the vendee in a conditional sales contract, and shall mean any person, firm, corporation or association owning a motor vehicle, or having the right to use the same, under contract, lease or hiring; except however, the aforesaid~~ this definition shall not apply when said vehicle is engaged exclusively for the use set forth in ~~paragraph E of subsection I of section 29 of chapter 48, section 29, subsection I, paragraph E,~~ or acts amendatory thereto; ~~it.~~ It shall not mean or include a person engaged in the business of renting Maine registered motor vehicles without drivers, as provided for in section 158; ~~provided, however that nothing.~~ **Nothing** contained in this definition shall require an owner or a common or contract carrier by motor vehicle operating under permit or certificate of the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Public Utilities Commission to register a motor vehicle leased by such owner or carrier for the purpose of augmenting such owner's or carrier's equipment, if such motor vehicle is properly registered by the owner or carrier in this or some other state;

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Chapter 118

AN ACT Repealing Grassy Pond Game Preserve and Gribbel Game Preserve.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, § 149, amended. The first sentence of that part of section 149 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, which relates to Grassy Pond; Glencove; Rockport, is repealed, as follows:

~~'It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, trap, pursue, shoot at or kill any wild bird or wild animal at any time on Grassy pond, or from a point 100 feet from the shores of said pond, which pond is situated in the towns of Rockport and Hope, in the county of Knox.'~~

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 149, amended. That part of section 149 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, which relates to Gribbel Game Preserve, is repealed.

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 119

AN ACT to Protect the Traveling Public and Persons Working on Highways.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 23, § 150, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 150 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows: