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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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County shall be from April 1st to April 30th of each year and in York County and that portion of Cumberland County which borders on the Saco River from Route 35 north to the Oxford County line shall be only from March 20th to April 20th in each year; and except that the open season on muskrat in Aroostook County shall be during the month of April only in each year; and except that the open season on muskrat within the watershed of Saco River in Oxford County, and on all lakes, ponds, marshes and streams tributary thereto, and within said county, shall be only from the first day of November to the 25th day of April in the following year.'

Effective September 3, 1965

Chapter 6

AN ACT Relating to Length of Time for Controlled Atmosphere Storage of Apples.

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

R. S., T. 7, § 539, amended. Section 539 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 539. Sale, exchange or transport of "controlled atmosphere" apples

No person shall sell or exchange or offer or expose for sale or exchange or transport for sale any apples represented as having been exposed to "controlled atmosphere," "modified atmosphere," alone or with other words, or shall so use any such term or form of words or symbols of similar import on any container or lot of apples advertised, sold, offered for sale or transported for sale within this State unless such apples have been kept in a room or storage building with not more than 5% oxygen for a minimum of 90 days, except that the commissioner, after notice and public hearing, may change the minimum of 90 days to any number of less days, as conditions in the apple industry may require.'

Effective September 3, 1965

Chapter 7

AN ACT Relating to Civil Rights of Persons Hospitalized for Mental Illness.

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

R. S., T. 34, § 2254, sub-§ 3, additional. Section 2254 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 3, to read as follows:

'3. General rights. Except to the extent that the head of the hospital determines that it is necessary for the medical welfare of the patient to impose restrictions, and unless a patient has been adjudicated incompetent and has not been restored to legal capacity and except where specifically restricted by other statute or regulation, but not solely because of the fact of admission to a mental hospital, to exercise all civil rights, including, but not limited to, civil service

status, the right to vote, rights relating to the granting, renewal, forfeiture or denial of a license, permit, privilege or benefit pursuant to any law, and the right to enter contractual relationships and to manage his property.

A. Any limitations imposed by the head of the hospital on the exercise of these rights by the patient and the reasons for such limitations shall be made a part of the clinical record of the patient.'

Effective September 3, 1965

Chapter 8

AN ACT Relating to Beano.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, beano is the most popular form of entertainment of guests in resort hotels and has been used as such in the resorts of this State for many years; and

Whereas, such entertainment in resort hotels has recently been prohibited by the State Police as illegal under Revised Statutes, Title 17, chapter 13; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to enable resort hotel operators to satisfactorily entertain their guests; 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:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 17, § 301, amended. The last sentence of section 301 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'This chapter shall not be construed to apply to any other amusement or game nor to "Beano" or "Bingo" conducted during a resort season in bona fide resort hotels for the entertainment of guests registered therein.'

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 17, § 303-A, additional. Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 303-A to read as follows:

§ 303-A. Seasonal licenses

Notwithstanding section 303, the Chief of the State Police may issue seasonal licenses to operate such amusement in bona fide resort hotels, provided it is operated and conducted therein by the management without profit and solely for the entertainment of guests of the hotel registered therein, and provided that charges, if any, to the guests for participation in such entertainment shall be limited to a maximum of \$2 in any 24-hour period. The fee for such license shall be \$10 and shall be paid to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the