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## **ACTS AND RESOLVES**

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filing such petition with such officers or in the office of the clerk of such town or eity municipality such land is occupied by a dwelling house wherein the owner or his family reside. When land is taken under this section for a public park, the fee of such land may be taken and compensation assessed and paid accordingly. Land in any town municipality so taken for a public park may by authority of a majority vote at a town meeting of the legislative body of the municipality be transferred and conveyed to the Federal Government so as to become a part of a national park. Nothing herein shall be held to deprive the former landowners from proceeding to restrain the use of such land for other than public park purposes. Land taken for the purposes hereinbefore described shall not be used for purposes other than those for which originally taken.'

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 30, § 5106, sub-§ 9, additional. Section 5106 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 9, to read as follows:

'9. Lands. Providing for and acquiring open areas, including marsh lands, swamps or wet lands, as defined in section 3851.'

Effective September 3, 1965

#### Chapter 204

AN ACT Clarifying the Laws Relating to the Division of Geological Survey in Department of Economic Development.

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

R. S., T. 10, § 651, repealed and replaced. Section 651 of Title 10 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'§ 651. Powers and duties

The Division of Geological Survey shall gather and compile geologic information of both the bedrock and surficial features of the State; to present this information in printed maps and reports for the general public and the mining industry; to assist existing mining operations in the State; and promote the development of the mineral potential of the State.

The division may employ professional geologists to perform geologic mapping on specific projects in Maine, to provide basic geologic information and the location and environment of mineral deposits. The results obtained from these projects shall be compiled and published as soon as it is possible within the budgetary limitations of the department.

The division shall provide advisory assistance to any mining company interested in exploring the mineral resources of the State. Members of the division staff shall visit the executive offices of mining companies at intervals sufficient to maintain the interest of company executives in mineral development in the State of Maine.

The division shall cooperate with other divisions of the department and other state agencies in promoting the economy of the State.

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There is established within the division a revolving fund for the use of the division to cover printing and distribution costs for geological and related technical literature.

The commissioner is authorized to fix the price at which publications of the Maine Geological Survey may be sold and delivered. The department shall receive without charge 10% of all such publications for complimentary distribution.

The commissioner is authorized to fix the price at which United States Geological Survey and other United States Government maps, charts and other publications may be sold and delivered, provided such publications are specifically authorized for resale by the originating agency and are specifically concerned with technical information on the State of Maine.

Income from the sale of publications shall be credited to the revolving fund to be used as a continuing carrying account to carry out the purpose of the publication fund.

The division staff shall initiate and develop research projects in the field of economic geology and basic geology which are necessary to advance the total geologic knowledge of the State.

The Director of the Division of Geological Survey shall also act as Maine State Geologist performing whatever duties as shall be required by law and tradition.'

Effective September 3, 1965

### Chapter 205

#### AN ACT Defining Interest on Loans.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 9, § 3041, amended. The first sentence of section 3041 of Title 9 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'No person, copartnership or corporation shall engage in the business of making any loan of money, credit, goods or choses in action in the amount or to the value of \$2,500 or less, whether secured or unsecured, and charge, contract for or receive a greater rate of interest than 12% per year therefor, said interest rate to be computed on the basis of what is known as a true interest rate, without first obtaining a license from the commissioner.'

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 9, § 3086, amended. The first sentence of section 3086 of Title 9 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'No person, copartnership or corporation, except as authorized by chapters 281 to 289, shall, directly or indirectly, charge, contract for or receive any interest or consideration greater than 12% per year, said interest rate to be computed on the basis of what is known as a true interest rate, upon the loan, use or forbearance of money, goods or choses in action, or upon the loan, use or sale of credit, of the amount or value of \$2,500 or less.'