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of a patient or to his relatives or friends, nor the disclosure of any information concerning the patient to other hospitals, accredited social agencies or for purposes of research; nor the disclosure of biographical or medical information concerning the patient to commercial or governmental insurers, or any other corporation, association or agency from which the department may receive reimbursement for the care and treatment or support of the patient; nor shall this section affect the public-record status of the court docket, so called.'

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

Approved February 1, 1966

Chapter 491

AN ACT Relating to Weight Tolerances of Vehicles Loaded with Wood Chips.

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

R. S., T. 29, § 1655, amended. The first sentence of section 1655 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapters 170 and 225 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

'The operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded entirely with firewood, pulpwood, wood chips, logs or bolts or loaded entirely with farm produce or dump trucks, tractor dump trucks or transit-mix concrete trucks carrying highway construction materials or the operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded with any products requiring refrigeration, whether by ice or mechanical equipment shall not be deemed to be in violation of any of the provisions of sections 246, 1652 to 1654 and 1656 relating to weights of vehicles, weights of loads, tonnages or overloads if the gross weight of such vehicle and its load does not exceed 110% of the maximum gross weight for which such vehicle is then registered nor 110% of the maximum gross weight permitted for such vehicle by section 1652, and if the weight thereof imparted to any road surface by an axle or axles does not exceed 110% of the maximum axle weight permitted therefor by section 1652; provided that no vehicle loaded as aforesaid shall be deemed in violation of the above said sections if, as to each axle, the weight imparted to any road surface is not greater than the combined total of 600 pounds per inch width tire, manufacturer's rating, of all tires attached to such axle and provided further that the maximum gross vehicle weight shall not exceed the limits and tolerances established in this Title.'

Effective May 11, 1966

Chapter 492

AN ACT Relating to Acquisition of Land and Materials for Highway Purposes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 23, § 153, repealed and replaced. Section 153 of Title 23 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 295 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'§ 153. Property for highways

The State Highway Commission, on behalf of the State of Maine, may take over and hold for the State of Maine, such property as it may deem necessary to:

- 1. State and state aid highways. Lay out and establish, construct, improve or maintain, or to provide a change of location or alignment of, or to provide drainage for state and state aid highways.
- 2. Roadside development. Provide rest areas, parking strips, roadside and landscape development for the preservation and development of natural scenic beauty.
- 3. Safety of public. Provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public using any state or state aid highway.
- 4. Materials. Secure materials, with necessary ways and access thereto, for the construction, improvement and maintenance of state and state aid highways.
- 5. Automobile graveyards. Secure the relocation, removal or disposal of automobile graveyards and junkyards which are not in conformity with Title 30, sections 2451 to 2450.
- 6. Buildings. Erect administrative, storage and operational buildings used in affecting the objectives in conformity with section 1.

Where property is to be purchased or taken over and held for the State, the commission shall first cause the property or interest therein necessary to be acquired to be surveyed and described and a plan thereof made and to be appraised by one or more appraisers who in making each appraisal shall contact the owner or one of the owners or his designated representative if reasonably possible.'

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 23, § 154, amended. The first paragraph of section 154 of Title 23 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'If the commission determines that public exigency requires the taking of such land or material property or any interest therein forthwith, or is unable to purchase such land or material property and interest therein, or the necessary ways and access thereto at what it deems a reasonable valuation, or if the title is defective, it shall file in the registry of deeds for the county or registry district where the land is located a notice of condemnation which shall contain a description of the project specifying the property and the interest therein taken and the name or names of the owner or owners of record so far as they can be reasonably determined. The commission may join in the same notice one or more separate parcels of property properties whether in the same or different ownership and whether or not taken for the same use.'