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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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tion of individual shipments in loads of greater gross weights may be granted by the State Highway Commission or such appropriate commission or officials as is duly authorized elsewhere in this Title. All trucks and combinations of truck tractor and semitrailer with 4 or more axles shall have adequate brakes on the wheels of all axles; except that this sentence shall not apply if the vehicle is in compliance with Interstate Commerce Commission safety regulations.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 29, § 1655, amended. The first sentence of section 1655 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by chapter 491 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, sawed lumber, dimension lumber, pulpwood, wood chips, logs, soils, unconsolidated rock materials 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, or the operation on the highways of any vehicle loaded with raw ore from mine or quarry to place of processing, 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 October 7, 1967

Chapter 332

AN ACT Relating to Corporate Sale of Installment Bonds.

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

R. S., T. 13, § 144, repealed. Section 144 of Title 13 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

Effective October 7, 1967

Chapter 333

AN ACT Increasing Minimum Wages.

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

R. S., T. 26, § 664, amended. Section 664 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 5 of chapter 410 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 664. Compliance required

By reason of the declaration of policy set forth in section 661 and in the protection of the industry or business and in the enhancement of public interest, health, safety and welfare, it is declared unlawful for any employer to employ any employee except as otherwise provided in this subchapter at the rate of less than ~~\$1.15~~ \$1.40 per hour for one year starting October 15, ~~1965~~ 1967 and thereafter ~~\$1.25~~ \$1.50 per hour; nor work more than 48 hours in any one week, unless 1½ times the regular hourly rate is paid for all work done over 48 hours in any one week. Except that on October 15, ~~1965~~ 1967 to October 15, ~~1966~~ 1968, those employees in a nursing home or employees in a hospital shall be paid at a rate of no less than ~~\$1~~ \$1.25 per hour. From October 15, ~~1966~~ 1968 to October 15, ~~1967~~ 1969 they shall be paid at a rate of no less than ~~\$1.15~~ \$1.40 per hour and thereafter at a rate no less than ~~\$1.25~~ \$1.50 per hour. The overtime provision of this section shall not apply to the canning, processing, preserving, freezing, drying, marketing, storing, packing for shipment or distribution of herring as sardines, of perishable foods, of agricultural produce, and meat and fish products, nor to the canning of perishable goods, nor to nursing homes and hospitals nor to hotels, motels, restaurants and other eating establishments.

Effective October 7, 1967

Chapter 334

AN ACT Relating to Right of Entry and Inspection of Nursing Homes and Boarding Homes.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 1820-A, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1820-A, to read as follows:

§ 1820-A. Right of entry and inspection of nursing homes and boarding homes

The department (Health and Welfare) and any duly designated officer or employee thereof shall have the right to enter upon and into the premises of any nursing home or boarding home licensed pursuant to this chapter at any reasonable time in order to determine the state of compliance with this chapter and any rules and regulations in force pursuant thereto. Such right of entry and inspection shall extend to any premises which the department has reason to believe is being operated or maintained as a nursing home without a license, but no such entry or inspection of any premises shall be made without the permission of the owner or person in charge thereof, unless a warrant is first obtained from the District Court authorizing the same. Any application for a nursing home license made pursuant to this chapter shall constitute permission for and complete acquiescence in any entry or inspection of the premises for which the license is sought in order to facilitate verification of the information submitted on or in connection with such application.

Effective October 7, 1967