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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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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 1, 1969

Chapter 144

AN ACT Relating to Purchase of Parcels of Land by Forest Commissioner.

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

R. S., T. 12, § 512, amended. Section 512 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 12 of chapter 226 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 512. Acceptance of gifts

The commissioner may, with the advice and consent of the Governor and Council, **purchase, when funds are available from bequests or trusts, or accept on the part of the State gifts of, parcels or tracts of land for forest purposes.** The title to lands acquired under this section shall be investigated and approved by the Attorney General.

The purpose of acquisition of land is the preservation of scenic beauty and recreation as nearly unrestricted and general as is practicable for the people of this State and those whom they admit to the privilege, and the production of timber for watershed protection and as a crop and **as state forest demonstration areas for research purposes and for the application of model forestry techniques under a well defined criteria of full-use management.** The lands acquired within the limits described in this section shall never be sold, but may be exchanged for other land to permit consolidation, better access or more efficient administration. Net revenues, including but not limited to stumpage, shall be paid to the Treasurer of State by said commissioner and constitute a fund to be applied to the care and improvement of these lands or for the acquisition of other lands for similar purposes, except that 25% of such revenues shall be returned by the Treasurer of State to the municipality wherein the land is located to be used for municipal purposes.

Effective October 1, 1969

Chapter 145

AN ACT Relating to Penalties for Violations of the For-Hire Carrier Statute.

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

R. S., T. 35, § 1563, sub-§ 1, amended. The first sentence of subsection 1 of section 1563 of Title 35 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Any person, firm or corporation, or any officer, agent or employee of any corporation who violates, orders, authorizes or knowingly permits a violation of any of the provisions of sections 1551 to 1562 ~~or of section 1601~~, or of any rule, regulation or order made or issued by the commission pursuant to the authority of this chapter and chapter 95 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both.

Effective October 1, 1969

Chapter 146

AN ACT Relating to Transfer of Funds from Maine Sardine Council to Department of Agriculture for Sardine Inspection Activities.

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

Whereas, a shortage of fish, with resulting decrease in the volume of canned sardines, could occur at any time; and

Whereas, this would decrease the amount of revenue from a mandatory per case assessment paid by canners to finance the Maine sardine inspection program, thereby severely handicapping operation of this activity; and

Whereas, continuity of the inspection program is vital to the production of Maine sardines; 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:

R. S., T. 36, § 4699, sub-§ 2, ¶ D, additional. Subsection 2 of section 4699 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new paragraph D, to read as follows:

D. For transferring funds to the Department of Agriculture for helping to finance the inspection of sardines as defined under Title 32, section 4155, when in the opinion of the council such action is necessary for the accomplishment of such inspection. The council has the sole authority to determine when such a need and emergency exists and to fix the amount of sardine tax funds that may be transferred.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Effective July 1, 1969