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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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~~The commissioner may issue a permit to any individual to keep in captivity a skunk, fox or raccoon and may revoke any permit so issued at any time. All permits so issued shall be valid only for the calendar year in which they were issued and the fee for same shall be \$10~~

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

Effective May 5, 1971

Chapter 258

AN ACT Relating to Theft of Trade Secrets.

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

R. S., T. 17, § 2113, sub-§ 1, ¶ C, amended. The first sentence of paragraph C of subsection 1 of section 2113 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 343 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

The term "trade secret" means the whole or any portion or phase of any scientific or technical information, design, process, procedure, formula ~~or~~, improvement, confidential business or financial information, listing of names, addresses or telephone numbers which is of value and has been specifically identified by the owner as of a confidential character, and which has not been published or otherwise become a matter of general public knowledge.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 259

AN ACT Regulating Hunting from Certain Public Ways.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 2455-A, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2455-A, to read as follows:

§ 2455-A. Hunting from public ways

It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt any wild birds or wild animals from any public way within any municipality of the State, except with a shotgun used in conjunction with ammunition no larger than No. 6 shot. Possession of a loaded firearm within the limits of any public way, except as herein provided, shall be prima facie evidence of hunting. For the purposes of this section "public way" shall mean any road treated with bituminous material. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a law enforcement officer from carrying out his official duties. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a person who has a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon to possess such weapon providing it is not used for hunting wild birds or wild animals.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall become effective 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 260

AN ACT to Increase Fees for Junkyards and Auto Graveyards.

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

R. S., T. 30, § 2455, sub-§ A, amended. Subsection A of section 2455 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 3 of chapter 481 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1. More than 100 feet from highway. ~~Ten~~ Fifty dollars for each permit for an automobile graveyard or junkyard located more than 100 feet from any highway, plus the cost of posting and publishing said notice.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 261

AN ACT Relating to Fees of Municipal Police Officers as Witnesses.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 4, § 173, sub-§ 4, amended. The next to last paragraph of subsection 4 of section 173 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 397 of the public laws of 1967 and amended by section 1 of chapter 521 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

All ~~municipal police officers~~ sheriffs, deputy sheriffs or constables who officially appear for a scheduled trial in and for the District Court at times other than their regular working hours shall be compensated out of the District Court Fund until July 1, 1969, and thereafter the General Fund and receive the same fee as any other witnesses. **All municipal police officers so appearing at the order of a prosecuting official and whether or not they are called upon to give testimony, shall be compensated out of the General Fund on an hourly basis equal to their present rate of employment. The District Court judge shall determine and order such payment.**

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 16, § 251, amended. The first sentence of section 251 of Title 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 286 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

Witnesses, other than municipal police officers, in the Supreme Judicial Court, the Superior Court, the District Court or in the probate court, unless the court shall otherwise order, shall receive \$5, and before referees, auditors or