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Chapter 483

AN ACT Relating to Conversion of Leased or Rented Goods.

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

R. S., T. 17, § 2109-A, additional. Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2109-A to read as follows:

§ 2109-A. Conversion of leased or rented goods

Any person who receives physical possession of goods or things of value under a written contract or written lease for the purpose of leasing or renting the use of the same for a valuable consideration and who fraudulently converts the same to his own use shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both. The failure to return to the possession of, or to account for said goods or things with, the person who delivered the goods and things at the time or in the manner described in said written contract or written lease shall be prima facie evidence of intent to fraudulently convert; provided that if such person returns to the possession of, or accounts for said goods or things with, the person who delivered the same prior to the expiration of 10 days after a written demand for the return of said goods or things has been mailed by certified or registered United States mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the person who was so entrusted at his address which is last known to the person who delivered the said goods and things, such person who was so entrusted shall not be prosecuted under this section; and no prosecution shall be instituted or commenced until after the expiration of said period of 10 days. The word "person" as used in this section shall include a body corporate.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 484

AN ACT Relating to Closed Season and Minimum Size of Coho Salmon.

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

R. S., T. 12, § 3951-A, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3951-A to read as follows:

§ 3951-A. Coho salmon; closed season

It shall be unlawful to take coho salmon from any of the tidal waters of the State of Maine, except as provided in this section.

1. Exception for rod and line. It is lawful to fish for and take coho salmon by rod and single line but not in any other manner.

2. **Daily limit.** No one shall take more than 2 coho salmon in any one day.
3. **Size.** The minimum length shall be 14 inches.
4. **Penalty.** Whoever violates this section shall be punished as provided in section 4504 and by a fine of \$10 for each coho salmon taken.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 485

AN ACT Transferring Duties of the Art Commission to the Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the State Museum.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 27, § 87, amended. Section 87 of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 502 of the public laws of 1965, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

The Maine State Commission on the Arts and Humanities shall furnish the Maine State Museum Commission with such assistance as necessary to administer section 86-A.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 27, § 404, sub-§ 4, additional. Section 404 of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 499 of the public laws of 1965, is amended by adding a new subsection 4 to read as follows:

4. **Works of art.** To act in an advisory capacity relative to the creation, acquisition, construction or erection by the State of any work of art, to file with the Governor, within 30 days, its opinion of such proposed work of art together with such suggestions and recommendations as it may deem proper. The term "work of art" as used in this subsection shall include any painting, portrait, mural, decoration, stained glass, statue, tablet, bas-relief, ornament, fountain or other article or structure of a permanent character intended for decoration or commemoration but shall not include "historical materials" administered by the Maine State Museum Commission.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 27, §§ 301 - 302, repealed. Sections 301 and 302, as amended by section 2 of chapter 458 of the public laws of 1967, both of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes, are repealed.

Sec. 4. **Carrying account.** The funds of the Art Commission and any appropriation made by the 105th Legislature to the Art Commission shall be transferred to the Maine State Museum Commission and any balance of such account shall not lapse but shall be carried forward from year to year to be expended for the purposes of restoration and conservation of state-owned paintings in accordance with section 86-A.

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