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STATE OF MAINE

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**Sec. 147. Limitation.**—These regulations shall not apply to outdoor advertising in the compact or built up section of any town or city but such advertising is subject to regulation by town or city by-laws or ordinances. The compact or built up section of any town or city, for the purposes of this section, shall be the territory thereof contiguous to any way which is built up with buildings devoted to business or dwelling purposes which are situated less than 150 feet apart for a distance of at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile. (R. S. c. 20, § 121. 1951, c. 302, § 2. 1955, c. 279, § 2.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment substituted the words “dwelling purposes which” for the words “where the dwelling houses” in line six.

**Sec. 149. Restrictions on signs and billboards adjacent to turnpikes.**—In order to better safeguard the interests and investments of the state and its people in the state turnpike system, to afford a greater measure of protection to the users of the turnpike by elimination of dangerous hazards, to best maintain the turnpikes for the welfare of society and to prevent the unrestricted use of signs and advertising structures and devices immediately adjacent to them, no person shall erect or maintain within 500 feet of the nearest right-of-way boundary line of any state turnpike any advertising sign or advertising structures or devices of any kind intended for display to the traffic thereon. As used in this section “advertising sign or advertising structure or device” shall be deemed to mean any advertising structure, sign, picture, word or device for the advertisement thereon or thereby of any commodity, service or thing. The provisions of this section shall not apply to outdoor advertising structures, devices or displays upon the property whereon the goods so advertised are manufactured or sold, or the business or profession so advertised is carried on or practiced, or which advertise the real property upon which the same may be for sale or for rent, provided that such structures shall not exceed 10 in number or a total area of 250 square feet, and provided that such structures, devices or displays shall be within 300 feet of the building wherein the goods advertised are manufactured or sold, or the business or profession advertised is carried on or practiced. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (1947, c. 279. 1955, c. 230.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment added the words “intended for display to the traffic thereon” at the end of the first sentence.

## Chapter 24.

### Aviation.

#### Sec. 13. Registration certificates.

##### IV. Exemptions.

**B.** an aircraft registered under the laws of a foreign country and not engaged in air commerce within the state; (1955, c. 161)

**C.** an aircraft not engaged in air commerce within the state which is owned by a nonresident and registered in another state, or otherwise qualified therein; (1953, c. 59. 1955, c. 161)

**F.** an individual piloting any aircraft registered under the laws of a foreign country and not engaged in air commerce within the state; (1955, c. 161)

**G.** a nonresident not engaged in air commerce and piloting aircraft in this state who is registered in another state, or otherwise qualified therein; (1953, c. 58. 1955, c. 161)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment added the words “and not engaged in air commerce within the state” at the end of paragraphs B and F, and the words

“or otherwise qualified therein” at the end of paragraphs C and G, of subsection IV. Only the paragraphs changed by the amendment are set out.

**Sec. 20. Airport construction fund.—**

**II. State aid.** The commission with the consent of the governor and council may, from the amount appropriated to aid in the construction, extension and improvement of state or municipal airports, known as the "Airport Construction Fund," grant to cities and towns separately and cities and towns jointly with one another or with counties an amount not to exceed 50% of the total cost of the construction, extension or improvement of such airport or airports. (1955, c. 372)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment deleted "25%" in line five of subsection II and inserted in place thereof "an amount not to exceed 50%." The amendment also deleted from the end of

the subsection the words "or any lesser per cent of said costs." As the rest of the section was not changed, only subsection II is set out.

**Chapter 25.****Department of Health and Welfare.**

Sections 105-C to 105-D. State Sanatoriums.

Sections 274-A to 274-D. Solicitation of Charitable Funds.

Sections 319-A to 319-T. Aid to the Disabled.

Section 319-U. Medical Care for Recipients of Public Assistance.

**Welfare Laws.****Sec. 18. Appropriations for aid of public and private hospitals.—**

Such sums of money as may be appropriated by the legislature in aid of public and private hospitals shall be expended under the direction of the department, and the expense of administration shall be charged to the appropriation of that department for general administration. The department is authorized to compensate hospitals located in the state of New Hampshire within 5 miles from the Maine-New Hampshire state line or hospitals located in the Provinces of Quebec or New Brunswick, Canada, within 5 miles of the international boundary, for cases where the hospital care is for persons resident in the state of Maine and, in the judgment of the commissioner, adequate local hospital facilities are not available. The department may compensate hospitals at such rates as it may establish for hospital care of persons whose resources or the resources of whose responsible relatives are insufficient therefor. Bills itemizing the expenses of hospital care under the provisions hereof, when approved by the department and audited by the state controller, shall be paid by the treasurer of state. (R. S. c. 22, § 16. 1951, c. 206. 1955, c. 86.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment inserted in the second sentence the provision for compensation of hospitals in Quebec or New Brunswick, and added at

the end of the second sentence the words "and, in the judgment of the commissioner, adequate local hospital facilities are not available."

**Tuberculosis.**

**Sec. 105. Control of tuberculosis.**—The department is empowered to make such investigations as may be necessary to ascertain the source of any infectious or communicable disease. Whenever said department has cause to believe that any person is infected with tuberculosis so as to expose others to the dangers thereof, said department by its representatives shall petition a justice of the superior court in the county where said person resides or is found, setting forth said facts and requesting an examination of such person. Said justice, in term or vacation, may order such notice thereon as he may deem proper for such person to appear and answer thereto. Upon hearing, if said justice finds cause