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containing the minimum rates or charges of such carrier actually maintained and charged for the transportation of property in intrastate commerce and any rule, regulation or practice affecting such rates or charges. Whenever, after hearing, upon complaint of interested parties or in an investigation on its own motion, the commission finds that any minimum rate or charge of any contract carrier for the transportation of property, or any rule, regulation or practice of any such carrier affecting such minimum rate or charge, is unjust or unreasonable, or is contrary to the provisions of sections 19 to 32, inclusive, it shall prescribe the minimum rate or charge, or such rule, regulation or practice, as it shall find to be just and reasonable and to be necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions and intent of said sections. No contract carrier shall charge less than the minimum rates or charges filed with or prescribed by the commission, but nothing in sections 19 to 32, inclusive, shall prohibit any contract carrier from charging more than such minimum rates. Nothing in this subsection shall apply to the transportation of property by contract carriers for any common carrier over the highway when the rate charged the public for transportation of such property is already published and filed with the commission. (1955, c. 286)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment rewrote the former first sentence of subsection IV to appear as the present first and third sentences, and inserted the

present second sentence of subsection IV. As the rest of the section was not changed by the amendment, only subsection IV is set out.

Sec. 29. Exemptions in re operation of motor vehicles.—

I. Exemptions.

E. While engaged exclusively in the hauling of wood, pulpwood, logs or sawed lumber from the woodlot or forest area where cut or sawed to points within 100 miles thereof, by highway, or while hauling, within said distance, horses, crew, equipment and supplies to or from such woodlot or forest area; (1949, c. 212, § 1. 1955, c. 331)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment substituted "100" for "60" in paragraph E of subsection I. As the rest of

the section was not changed by the amendment, only paragraph E is set out.

Chapter 49.

Corporations for Navigation by Steam.

Safety on Inland Steamers.

Sec. 5. Definitions.

II. "Motorboat" means any vessel propelled by motive power other than steam or outboard motor. (1955, c. 281)

IV. "Vessel" means any boat or vessel operated by machinery propelled by steam or other motive power except by outboard motor. [1955, c. 281] (R. S. c. 45, § 5. 1955, c. 281.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment added the words "or outboard motor" at the end of subsection II and the words "except by outboard motor" at the

end of subsection IV. As the rest of the section was not changed by the amendment, only subsections II and IV are set out.

Sec. 10. Boats, properly equipped, and life rafts carried by vessels over 30 feet in length; life preservers.—Every vessel more than 30 feet in length, measured from end to end along deck, excluding sheer, subject to registration, shall have at least 1 substantial boat, with life lines attached, properly supplied with oars, kept tight and in good condition at all times and ready for

immediate use. In addition thereto, such other boats or life rafts shall be carried as the commission, on account of the route or the number of passengers, may deem requisite. It shall be the duty of the master of such vessel to exercise and discipline his crew in the launching, use and management of the boats and life rafts until they become skillful boatmen. The commission may make such rules and regulations as it deems necessary, designating what boats or life rafts, if any, shall be carried by vessels less than 30 feet in length.

(1955, c. 31.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment inserted the words “or life rafts” in the second and fourth sentences, and the words “and life rafts” in the third sen-

tence. As only the first paragraph was changed by the amendment, the rest of the section is not set out.

Chapter 50.

Electric and Gas Companies. Telegraph and Telephone Companies.

Transmission of Electric Power beyond State Prohibited.

Secs. 1-2. Repealed by Public Laws 1955, c. 402.

Organization of Telegraph, Telephone, Television, Electric and Gas Companies.

Sec. 7. Repealed by Public Laws 1955, c. 260.

Chapter 50-A.

Natural Gas Pipe Line Companies.

Sec. 1. Declaration of policy.—It is hereby declared that the business of transporting natural gas within the state by interstate or intrastate natural gas pipe line companies is affected with the public interest and that the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the state require regulation in matters relating to the transportation of natural gas to the extent hereinafter provided. (1955, c. 127, § 3.)

Sec. 2. Power to construct and operate natural gas pipe line.—Any corporation organized under the laws of this state or of any other state or of the United States for the purpose of constructing and operating a natural gas pipe line, which corporation holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued under the provisions of the federal natural gas act approved June 21, 1938, as it now reads, or may hereafter be amended, authorizing such corporation to construct and operate a natural gas pipe line or pipe lines and appurtenant facilities within this state, is hereby authorized, upon compliance with all applicable provisions of this chapter, to purchase, hold and convey such real estate and personal property as shall be necessary for the purposes for which it was created. (1955, c. 127, § 3.)

Sec. 3. Filing of certificate of public convenience.—Any corporation which intends to construct or operate any natural gas pipe line within this state shall file with the secretary of state a certified copy of the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to such corporation under the federal natural gas act, such filing to be at least 30 days before the start of construction. (1955, c. 127, § 3.)

Sec. 4. Eminent domain.—Upon the filing of the certificate of public con-