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at least 100 feet long, fastened together by binders surrounded by lath racks, brush or netting and from which catch pound they cannot readily escape. (1947, c. 257. 1959, c. 281, § 2.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1959 amendment rewrote this section.

Chapter 100.

Miscellaneous Provisions Relating to Towns.

Sections 7-A to 8. Public Dumping Grounds.
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Public Dumping Grounds.

Sec. 7-A. Public dumping grounds; acquisition.—Any municipality may by action of its legislative body direct its municipal officers to take suitable lands for public dumping grounds. When so directed, the municipal officers shall proceed in the same manner as used in laying out public ways, except that a fee simple title shall be acquired.

I. The public dumping ground is not established until it has been accepted, as laid out, by the legislative body of the municipality.

II. Any public dumping ground that ceases to be usable as such may be disposed of in the same manner as other lands owned by the municipality.

III. Public dumping grounds established under this section shall be subject to chapter 36, section 85. (1959, c. 130.)

Sec. 7-B. Public dumping ground; nuisances.—Whoever personally or through the agency of another leaves or deposits any offal, filth or other noisome substance in any public dumping ground, except in the manner prescribed by the local health officer, and in such manner as may be satisfactory to such health officer, shall be guilty of committing a nuisance. Such person shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months. Any expenses incurred by a municipality in the abatement of such nuisances may be recovered in an action of debt brought in the name of the municipality against the guilty party. If requested, and if the gravamen of the offense so indicates, the court in its discretion may award double damages in such suits. (1959, c. 130.)

Dogs.

Sec. 9. Lists of all dogs; returns.

If any city or town fails to remit to the treasurer of state on or before October 15 of each year a sum of money equal to the licenses required by sections 9 to 28, inclusive, on all dogs living on the 15th day of June preceding, such deficiency shall be collected in the manner provided by section 13 of chapter 18. (R. S. c. 88, § 8. 1955, c. 135.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment substituted in the last paragraph of the section the words “collected in the manner provided by section 13 of chapter 18” for the words “added to the state tax

of such delinquent city or town for the following year.” As the rest of the section was not changed by the amendment, only the last paragraph is set out.

Sec. 10. Dog licenses; fee; suitable tag; duties of animal husbandry expert; kennels.—On or before the 1st day of April of each year, the owner

or keeper of any dog 6 months old or over shall apply to the city or town clerk either orally or in writing for a license for each such dog owned or kept by him. Such application shall state the breed, sex, color and markings of such dogs and the name and address of the last previous owner.

A fee of \$1.15 shall be paid the city or town clerk for each license issued on male dogs, and a fee of \$5.15 shall be paid for all female dogs capable of bearing young. All female dogs shall be considered capable of producing young unless a certificate issued by the commissioner of agriculture and signed by a licensed veterinarian, or previous license record, is presented from a licensed veterinarian stating that such female was made incapable of bearing young by spaying by him. When such certificate accompanies the application, a fee of \$1.15 shall then be paid on such spayed females. In addition to the amount paid for license and tag, each applicant shall pay the city or town clerk 25c for the recording and making a return to the commissioner of agriculture, except that a license and tag shall be issued by the city or town clerk, upon application, for any trained guide dog owned or kept by a blind person without payment of any fee required under this section. When any such dog has not been previously registered or licensed by the town or city clerk to whom such application is being made, such town or city clerk shall not register such dog nor issue to the owner or keeper a license and tag therefor unless written evidence shall be exhibited to him that the dog is trained and educated and intended in the fact to perform such guide service for such applicant.

Such licenses shall be made in triplicate, the original copy shall be mailed to the commissioner of agriculture, 1 copy given to the person applying for the license and 1 copy retained by the city or town clerk.

A suitable tag showing the year such license is issued and bearing such other data as the commissioner of agriculture may prescribe shall be given with each license and must be securely attached to a leather or metal collar which must be worn at all times by the dog for which the license was issued and it shall be unlawful for any person to remove such tag or to place either collar or tag on any dog not described or for which the license was not issued.

Returns from clerks of cities, towns and plantations showing all licenses issued by them together with a correct report showing the total number of dogs in "both sexes" found by the city or town assessors and the number of dogs killed shall be made to the commissioner of agriculture not later than the 1st day of July each year.

All license blanks and tags shall be furnished by the commissioner of agriculture. The representatives of the department of agriculture in charge of animal husbandry shall be known as the animal husbandry specialist and the assistant animal husbandry specialist, who shall carry out the provisions of the dog licensing laws and the adjustment of claims for damages to livestock and poultry by dogs and wild animals, and to the promotion of animal husbandry within the state. The expense of furnishing the above-mentioned blanks and tags, and the necessary clerk hire and travel, and the salary of the animal husbandry specialist and the assistant animal husbandry specialist shall be paid from the funds received from the licensing of dogs; provided, however, that money is hereby appropriated out of the dog license receipts for the purposes of this section.

Any person becoming the owner or keeper of a dog after the 1st day of April, not duly licensed as herein required, shall, within 10 days after he becomes the owner or keeper of said dog, cause said dog to be described and licensed as provided above.

Every owner or keeper of dogs, kept for breeding, hunting, show, field trials and exhibition purposes, may receive annually a special kennel license authorizing him to keep said dogs for said purpose, provided he keeps said dogs within a proper enclosure; and provided further, that such special kennel license shall permit such owner, keeper or authorized agent to transport under control and

supervision said dogs to and from places of hunting or exhibition within or without the state. When the number of dogs so kept does not exceed 10, the fee for such license shall be \$9.90, and in addition 25¢ for each such license as a fee for recording and making the return required by law; when the number of dogs so kept exceeds 10, the fee for such license shall be \$19.90, and in addition 25¢ for each such license as a fee for recording and making the return required by law, and no fees shall be required for the dogs of such owner or keeper under the age of 6 months. Dogs covered by kennel license shall be furnished suitable kennel tags as prescribed by the commissioner of agriculture or his agent. (R. S. c. 88, § 9. 1945, c. 183, §§ 1, 2, 3; c. 209. 1949, c. 261. 1955, c. 433, § 2; c. 444. 1957, c. 187. 1959, c. 34.)

Effect of amendments. — The first 1955 amendment substituted "\$1.15" for "90¢" in the first and third sentences of the second paragraph and "\$5.15" for "\$4.90" in the first sentence of the second paragraph. The second 1955 amendment inserted in the first sentence of the last paragraph the words "hunting, show, field trials and exhibition" and the words "hunting or." The second amendment also substituted in the last sentence of the last paragraph the words "furnished suitable kennel tags as prescribed by the commissioner of agriculture or his agent" for the words "ex-

empted from the provisions of this section requiring registration, numbering and collaring."

The 1957 amendment substituted the words "who shall carry out" for the words "and shall devote their time to the carrying out of" and inserted the words "and poultry" in the second sentence of the sixth paragraph.

The 1959 amendment added the exception at the end of the fourth sentence of the second paragraph and added the last sentence therein.

Sec. 11. Dog kennels. — The commissioner of agriculture, his authorized agent, or duly authorized and appointed state humane agents, may at any time, enter any kennel, shelters or buildings used for the purpose of housing dogs and excepting any domicile and excepting any building used for human habitation heretofore recognized as not subject to search without warrant, and make examination and conduct any recognized test of the existence of any contagious or infectious disease or condition, and may quarantine such place, kennel or shelter in person or by registered mail and maintain such quarantine as long as the commissioner, his authorized agent, or duly authorized and appointed state humane agents, may deem necessary. Any kennel, shelter or place where dogs are housed or confined shall be maintained in a sanitary and humane manner and any records required by law shall be properly kept and available to the commissioner, his authorized agent, or duly authorized and appointed state humane agents, upon request.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any quarantine or maintaining dogs in an insanitary or inhumane condition, or not keeping records required by law shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 for each offense. (1949, c. 314. 1955, c. 234. 1957, c. 10.)

Effect of amendments. — The 1955 amendment rewrote this section. applicable to duly authorized and appointed state humane agents.

The 1957 amendment made this section

Sec. 14. Unlicensed dogs; warrants; disposal.—The municipal officers of each city, town or plantation shall annually within 10 days from the 1st day of June issue a warrant, returnable in the 1st day of July following, to one or more police officers or constables, directing him or them to proceed forthwith to enter complaint and summons to court the owner or keeper of any unlicensed dog. The said police officer or constable shall, before entering such complaint and obtaining said summons, call on the owner or keeper of said dog and demand that he conform with the law and pay the license fees due, and if the owner pays such license fees, he shall pay in addition thereto the officer's fee of \$2, which the officer

shall retain and make return and pay over to the city or town clerk the license fees received by him.

(1955, c. 274. 1957, c. 189.)

Effect of amendments. — The 1955 amendment added the second sentence of the first paragraph; however, the 1957 amendment deleted the word “may” which formerly appeared as the seventh word of such sentence and inserted the word “shall” in lieu thereof. As the second paragraph was not changed by the amendments, it is not set out.

Sec. 18. Payment of damages done by dogs and wild animals; recovery from owner; keeping dogs that kill livestock and poultry.—Whenever any livestock, poultry or domestic rabbits, properly enclosed, owned by a resident of this state is killed or injured by dogs or wild animals, the owner, after locating such animal, animals or poultry or a sufficient part of each to identify the same, may make complaint thereof to the mayor of a city, or to one of the municipal officers of the town or plantation where such damage was done within 24 hours after he has knowledge of same. Thereupon, the municipal officers shall investigate the complaint and if satisfied such damage was committed by dogs or wild animals within the limit of their municipality, after viewing the evidence estimate the actual value of such animals or poultry according to the purposes for which they were kept, whether as breeders or other purposes, together with the damage to any other animals or poultry being bitten, torn or chased or exhausted, and make returns on blanks furnished by the department of agriculture. Such returns shall be made in triplicate, the original and duplicate copies together with a bill from the claimant shall be mailed to the commissioner of agriculture or his duly authorized agent within 15 days from the date of investigation, and the triplicate shall be kept by the municipal clerk as his record.

A full description of all evidence seen by the investigator shall be plainly printed or written in triplicate on all reports and recommendations giving the number of animals or poultry, properly enclosed, with the estimated value and the number of each giving their ages, average live weight and any other information that will assist in making a fair adjustment.

When livestock, poultry or domestic rabbits, properly enclosed, are kept in an unincorporated place, the owner may make complaint to the municipal officers of the nearest municipality adjoining, or the nearest municipality when there is none adjoining who shall investigate the complaint.

Each report and recommendation must be signed by the investigator in the place provided for his or her signature. Such signature shall be construed to mean that the investigator has seen evidence legally establishing the liability of the state. All reports and recommendations must be signed by a majority of the municipal officials.

The commissioner of agriculture or his duly authorized agent shall approve the bill or, if it seems advisable, investigate and adjust the claim.

When the claim is approved by the commissioner of agriculture or his duly authorized agent, the same shall be paid by the state to the person sustaining such damage.

All dogs doing such damage and found without leather or metal collar and tag as required by law shall be deemed to be unlicensed. If investigation shows such dog or dogs to have been legally licensed, the state shall accept liability and adjust the damage.

The state may maintain an action on the case against the owner or keeper of the dogs to recover the amount paid unless, before the final disposition of the case, the said owner or keeper of the said dog produces satisfactory evidence that the dog has been killed.

Any person who keeps a dog that kills or injures any livestock, poultry or domestic rabbits shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 and costs unless, before the final disposition of the case, the said owner or keeper of the

dog produces satisfactory evidence that the dog has been killed. (R. S. c. 88, § 16. 1945, c. 378, § 72. 1949, c. 118, §§ 1, 2. 1957, c. 186, § 1.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1957 amendment rewrote this section. Prior to the amendment the section applied to “sheep, lambs, domestic rabbits properly enclosed or other domestic animals”.

Sec. 19. Repealed by Public Laws 1957, c. 186, § 2; c. 429, § 84.

Cross reference.—See now § 18 of this chapter for provisions relative to damages to poultry by dogs or wild animals.

Effective date.—Chapter 429, P. L. 1957, became effective on its approval, October 31, 1957.

Sec. 23. Stealing or killing dog.—Whoever steals or confines and secretes any dog, or willfully or negligently injures or willfully or negligently kills any such dog, except as provided in section 24 and unless such killing be justifiable in the protection of persons, property or game, shall be liable to the owner in a civil action for the full value of the dog. (R. S. c. 88, § 21. 1953, c. 98. 1957, c. 5.)

Effect of amendment.—Prior to the 1957 amendment this section applied to registered dogs only. The amendment

also cited § 24 in lieu of referring to “the following section.”

Sec. 24. Killing dogs chasing game or livestock or poultry.—Any inland fish and game warden, sheriff, deputy sheriff or constable may at any time lawfully kill any dog he may find in the act of hunting or chasing moose, caribou or deer, or he may find worrying, wounding or killing any livestock or poultry, when said dog is outside of the enclosure or immediate care of its owner or keeper. Any owner of livestock or poultry or any member of his family or any person to whom is entrusted the custody of any livestock or poultry shall have a right to kill any dog attacking any of said livestock or poultry. Any person having any evidence of any dog hunting or chasing moose, caribou or deer, or of any dog kept and used for that purpose, or of any dog worrying, wounding or killing any livestock or poultry, when said dog is outside of the enclosure or immediate care of his owner or keeper, may present said evidence to any trial justice or judge or recorder of any municipal court, which said trial justice, judge or recorder shall have power to issue a warrant against the owner of said dog, ordering him to appear before him and show cause why said dog should not be killed. Upon hearing the evidence in said case said court may order said dog killed. Any person may lawfully kill a dog which suddenly assaults him or another person when peaceably walking or riding. (R. S. c. 88, § 22. 1953, c. 223. 1957, c. 220.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1957 amendment substituted “livestock or poultry” for “domestic animal or fowl” in the first and third sentences, substituted

“livestock or poultry” for “sheep or fowl” in three places in the second sentence, and made the last clause of the third sentence into a separate sentence.

Sec. 27. Persons buying or selling dogs to keep record.—All persons or kennels engaged in buying or selling dogs must keep record of from whom bought and to whom sold, which record shall be open to inspection by local police officers, humane agents, or the commissioner of agriculture or his agent. (1949, c. 279. 1955, c. 235.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment made this section applicable to the commissioner of agriculture or his agent.

Innkeepers, Victualers and Lodginghouses.

Sec. 49. Register; true names of guests; contents; open to inspection.—Every person conducting any hotel or lodginghouse shall at all times keep and maintain or cause to be kept and maintained therein a register in which shall

be inscribed the true name of each and every guest or person renting or occupying a room or rooms therein. Such register shall be signed by the person renting such room or rooms, or by someone under his direction; and the proprietor of such hotel or lodginghouse or his agent, shall thereupon write opposite such name or names so registered the number of each room assigned to and occupied by each such guest, together with the date such room is rented. The proprietor of such hotel or lodginghouse, or his agent, shall also keep and preserve a record showing the date when the occupant of each room so rented shall quit and surrender the same. Such record may be made a part of the register, and both shall be kept available for a period of 2 years at all reasonable times to the inspection of any lawful agent of the licensing authority or the sheriff and his deputies or any state police officer. Any person who willfully violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days for each offense, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (R. S. c. 88, § 46. 1959, c. 92.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1959 amendment added the words “or the sheriff and his deputies or any state police officer” at the end of the fourth sentence of this section.

Public Exhibitions.

Sec. 56. Licenses; fees; prosecutions; traveling circuses or traveling amusement shows.

Such fees shall be credited to the division of state fire prevention to defray expenses of the division. Any balance of said fees shall not lapse but shall be carried forward as a continuing account to be expended for the same purposes in the following fiscal years.

(1959, c. 182, § 2.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1959 amendment added the above as the second paragraph of this section. Since the rest of the section is not affected by the amendment, it is not set out.

Motor Vehicle Racing Structures.

Sec. 60. Motor vehicle racing structures.

The fee for the initial inspection of all structures at motor vehicle raceways shall be \$15. The fee for a license to operate any type of motor vehicle racing shall be \$15. Such fee shall be credited to the division of state fire prevention to defray the expenses of the division. Any balance of said fees shall not lapse but shall be carried forward as a continuing account to be expended for the same purposes in the following fiscal years.

(1959, c. 182, § 3.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1959 amendment added the above as the next to the last paragraph of this section. Since the rest of the section was not affected by the amendment, it is not set out.

Pin Ball Machines.

Sec. 68-A. Unlawful without license.—It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association to keep for public patronage, or to permit or allow the operation of, any pin ball machine, in or on any premises or location under his or its charge, control or custody without having first obtained a license therefor from the clerk of the municipality where located. (1957, c. 230.)

Sec. 68-B. Definition.—The term “pin ball machine” shall be only those machines nominally denominated as such which, upon the insertion of a coin, slug, token, plate or disc, may be operated by the public generally for use as game, entertainment or amusement, whether or not registering a score, and which

is operated for amusement only and does not dispense any form of pay off, prize or reward except free replays. (1957, c. 230.)

Sec. 68-C. License requirements. — The license required shall be obtained from said clerk upon the payment of an annual fee of \$5 for each premise on which such machine or machines shall be located and shall expire on June 30th of each year. The application for such license shall be made to the clerk upon a form supplied by him for that purpose and shall contain such information as he may require. No such license shall be granted to any person under the age of 21 nor to any firm, corporation or association whose officers are under said age. (1957, c. 230.)

Sec. 68-D. License posted. — The license required shall be posted securely and conspicuously on the premises for which it is granted. (1957, c. 230.)

Sec. 68-E. Nontransferable. — The license required shall not be transferable to any other person, firm, corporation or association, or from location to location, and shall be valid only at the location and for the person, firm, corporation or association designated therein. (1957, c. 230.)

Sec. 68-F. Minors under 16.—No person, firm, corporation or association holding a license under sections 68-A to 68-J, inclusive, shall permit or allow any person under the age of 16 to play or operate any such machine in or on the licensed premises except when accompanied by parent or guardian. (1957, c. 230.)

Sec. 68-G. Application.—Nothing in sections 68-A to 68-J, inclusive, shall in any way be construed to authorize, license or permit any gambling devices whatsoever or any mechanism that has been by the courts determined to be a gambling device or in any way contrary to law. (1957, c. 230.)

Sec. 68-H. Copy of license.—A copy of this license shall be forwarded to the local police department. (1957, c. 230.)

Sec. 68-I. Revocation; appeal.—Any such license may be revoked by the clerk:

I. When it has been made to appear to the clerk that there has been a violation of the terms of sections 68-A to 68-H, inclusive, or

II. When it has been made to appear to the clerk that the licensee himself or any of the officers of the firm, corporation or association are not proper persons to hold such a license, or

III. When it has been made to appear to the clerk that the premises for which the license was granted is not a proper location.

The licensee shall have the right to appeal in writing such revocation to the municipal officers within 10 days. Said municipal officers may, after hearing, affirm, modify or repeal the decision of said clerk, and failure of the licensee to appeal within the time designated shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right of appeal and shall constitute an affirmation of the revocation. (1957, c. 230.)

Sec. 68-J. Violation.—Any person, firm, or, in the case of a corporation or association, any official thereof, violating any of the provisions of 68-A to 68-I, inclusive, shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not exceeding \$25 for each offense, and each day such violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. (1957, c. 230.)

Drive-In Theaters.

Sec. 71-A. Traffic officer at drive-in theaters.—Anyone operating a drive-in theater, being an owner, lessee or tenant, shall employ a uniformed police officer or constable to direct traffic to any main highway from the theater. Said

police officer or constable shall be stationed at the point where the theater exit or driveway connects with the main highway at the time the theater program shall be concluded and shall remain at that point for such time as motor vehicles are leaving the theater. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (1955, c. 388.)

Cinematograph and Moving Pictures.

Sec. 73. Application for license; enclosure and machine inspected; fees.—Whoever desires to keep, exhibit or use any cinematograph or similar apparatus in any place or building described in section 72 shall make application to the insurance commissioner for a license to keep, exhibit or use such cinematograph or similar apparatus, and upon receipt of said application the insurance commissioner shall inspect or cause to be inspected the enclosure or housing provided for such cinematograph or similar apparatus and shall also inspect or cause to be inspected the entrances, exits and fire escapes. If, as a result of such inspection, he is convinced that the specifications hereinafter provided are fully complied with and such cinematograph or similar apparatus is found to be in a safe and suitable condition to be stored, exhibited or used and that the entrances, exits, fire escapes and structural condition of such public buildings, place of public assemblage or place or building are in accordance with law, he may issue a license to the person desiring to keep, use or exhibit such cinematograph or similar apparatus, which license shall state the name of the makers, trade name and number and the serial number of such cinematograph and the place in which it is to be kept, used or exhibited. The fee for the initial inspection of a theater shall be \$15 and the fee for a license of a theater shall be \$10. Such fees shall be credited to the division of state fire prevention to defray the expenses of the division. Any balance of said fees shall not lapse but shall be carried forward as a continuing account to be expended for the same purposes in the following fiscal years. No license shall be granted under the provisions of this section for any cinematograph or similar apparatus operated by oxyhydrogen gas so called or by lime light. (R. S. c. 88, § 66. 1947, c. 54. 1959, c. 182, § 4.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1959 amendment substituted the present third, fourth and fifth sentences for the former third and fourth sentences, which provided for an inspection fee and a license fee, respectively.

Sec. 74. Operate without a license; operator to be 18 years of age and thoroughly skilled; fee. — No person shall operate any cinematograph or similar apparatus in any city or town until he has received a license or permit to do so from the insurance commissioner; no such license to operate a cinematograph or similar apparatus shall be granted to any person under 18 years of age nor until the applicant shall have satisfied the insurance commissioner that he is thoroughly skilled in the mechanical and electrical apparatus or devices used in the operation of a cinematograph or similar apparatus. The fee for such examination shall be \$10 and the fee for such license shall be \$10. Such fees shall be credited to the division of state fire prevention to defray the expenses of the division. Any balance of said fees shall not lapse but shall be carried forward as a continuing account to be expended for the same purposes in the following fiscal years. Provided, however, that any person desiring to learn to be an operator may, with the consent of the theatre owner and under supervision of a licensed operator, be in a booth for the purpose of receiving instruction, upon payment to the commissioner of a fee of \$2 for an apprentice's license, and such license shall be valid for 1 year. (R. S. c. 88, § 67. 1947, c. 51. 1953, c. 229. 1959, c. 182, § 5.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1959 amendment substituted the present second, third and fourth sentences for the former second sentence, which provided for examination and license fees to be fixed by the insurance commissioner.

Closing-Out Sales.

Sec. 79-A. License required to conduct closing-out sales, and requirements for obtaining.—No person or persons shall offer for sale a stock of goods, wares or merchandise under the designation of “closing-out sale,” “going out of business sale,” “discontinuance of business sale,” “entire stock must go,” “must sell to the bare walls,” or other designation which states, directly or by implication, an intent by such person or persons to dispose of the entire stock of goods with a view to permanently terminating further business after such disposal is complete, unless such person or persons shall have first complied with the following requirements:

I. That such person or persons shall, before the beginning of such disposal sale, obtain, from the municipal officers of the city or town in which such sale shall be conducted, a license to conduct such sale. To obtain such license the applicant shall pay to the said municipal officers a fee of \$25 and shall file with said municipal officers, in writing and under oath, a complete inventory of all items to be included in such sale. Such license shall be valid and effective for a period of 60 days from date of issuance, unless revoked as hereinafter provided, and the validity of such license may be extended for a period of 60 additional days if the licensee shall furnish to the said municipal officers an affidavit to the effect that all goods, wares or merchandise listed in the above-mentioned inventory have not been disposed of within the original 60-day period.

II. That such person or persons shall affirm, in writing and under oath, to the said municipal officers that no merchandise shall be included in the stock offered for sale unless said merchandise shall have been in or at the place of business wherein or whereat such sale is to be conducted at the time of the opening of the sale.

III. Upon compliance with the requirements of this section, the municipal officers shall issue the license forthwith. (1955, c. 207, § 1.)

Sec. 79-B. Violations and penalties therefor.—Any licensee under the foregoing conditions, who shall in any way fail to comply with those conditions, or any person or persons who shall conduct such a disposal sale without first having obtained such license, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and each day on which a sale is conducted in violation of any of these provisions shall constitute a separate offense. (1955, c. 207, § 1.)

Sec. 79-C. Powers of municipal officers to revoke license.—The aforesaid municipal officers shall revoke any license issued in accordance with these regulations if the licensee shall be convicted of violating any of the foregoing provisions, and the municipal officers shall have the right to refuse to issue another license to any applicant who has, prior to application therefore, been convicted of violating any of the foregoing provisions. If any person convicted of any violation of the provisions of section 79-A shall appeal from the decision or sentence of the trial court, his license issued in accordance with these regulations shall be suspended during the time his appeal is pending in the appellate court. (1955, c. 207, § 1.)

Sec. 79 D. Limitations.—The foregoing provisions shall not apply to liquidation sales by public auction of not more than 3 days duration conducted by a licensed auctioneer, or sales conducted or made by sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, collectors of taxes, executors, administrators, guardians, conservators, receivers, assignees under voluntary assignments for the benefit of creditors or insurers, or by any other person required by law to sell personal property. (1955, c. 207, § 1.)

Secs. 80 83. Repealed by Public Laws 1955, c. 207, § 2.

Auctions and Auctioneers.

Sec. 84. Resident licenses.—Every resident person, firm or corporation, desiring to do business in this state as an auctioneer, upon application in proper form and the payment of a sum of \$10 as a state license fee, shall receive and the secretary of state shall issue to such applicant a license to conduct auctions in any city, town, plantation or unorganized territory in the state; provided, however, any municipality may require a local license to hold auctions therein. (R. S. c. 88, § 73. 1953, c. 239. 1955, c. 378, § 1.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment added the proviso at the end of the section.

Sec. 87. Application for local license; fee.

If such auction sale is to be conducted in an unorganized township or in a plantation, the application to conduct such sale shall be directed to the secretary of state, and the same information required to be furnished to the clerk of a city or town for a local license shall be furnished the secretary of state, together with the same fee of \$5, who thereupon may issue such license for such auction sale; provided, however, any municipality requiring a local license of resident auctioneers under section 84 may require the same local license of nonresident auctioneers. (R. S. c. 88, § 76. 1953, c. 239. 1955, c. 378, § 2.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1955 amendment added the proviso at the end of the second paragraph. As the first paragraph was not changed, it is not set out.

Trading Stamp Companies.**Sec. 136-A. Definitions.**—As used in sections 136-A to 136-F:

The term "person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, association or other organization.

The term "trading stamp" means any stamp or similar device issued in connection with the retail sale of merchandise or service, as a cash discount or for any other marketing purpose, which entitles the rightful holder, on its due presentation for redemption, to receive merchandise, service or cash. This term shall not mean any redeemable device used by the manufacturer or packer of an article, in advertising or selling it, or any redeemable device issued and redeemed by a newspaper, magazine or other publication.

The term "trading stamp company" means any person engaged in distributing trading stamps for retail issuance by others, or in redeeming trading stamps for retailers, in any way or under any guise. (1959, c. 367.)

Sec. 136-B. Prohibition.—No trading stamp company shall commit any fraud or shall make any false representation or shall resort to any lottery, in distributing or redeeming trading stamps in this state. (1959, c. 367.)

Sec. 136-C. Cash value.—No trading stamp company shall distribute trading stamps in this state or shall redeem trading stamps hereafter issued therein unless each stamp has legibly printed upon its face in cents or any fraction thereof a cash value determined by the company, and the rightful holders may, at their option, redeem the stamps in cash when duly presented to the company for redemption in a number having an aggregate cash value of not less than 25c. (1959, c. 367.)

Sec. 136-D. Statement of registration; fee.—No trading stamp company shall distribute trading stamps in this state or shall redeem trading stamps hereafter issued therein until it has filed with the secretary of state:

I. A statement of registration accompanied by representative samples of its stamps, stamp collection books, stamp redemption catalogues, and stamp distribution and redemption agreement forms currently used in this state. Each such statement shall provide the following information:

- A. The name and principal address of the company;
 - B. The state of its incorporation or origin;
 - C. The names and addresses of its principal officers, partners or proprietors;
 - D. The address of its principal office in this state;
 - E. The name and address of its principal officer, employee or agent therein, and the person designated for service of process therein;
 - F. The addresses of the places where its stamps are redeemable therein;
 - G. A short form of its balance sheet, as at the end of its last fiscal year prior to such filing, certified by an independent public accountant.
- II. The statement of registration shall be filed with the secretary of state on or before the effective date of sections 136-A to 136-F and annually thereafter on or before July 1st of each year.
- III. If the company has not previously done business as a trading stamp company in this state, or if its gross income from such business in this state during its last fiscal year was less than \$100,000, it shall pay a registration fee of \$100 to the secretary of state at the time of filing each such registration statement; if such gross income exceeded \$100,000 but was not in excess of \$250,000, such registration fee shall be \$250; if such gross income exceeded \$250,000 but was not in excess of \$500,000, such registration fee shall be \$500; if such gross income exceeded \$500,000 but was not in excess of \$750,000, such registration fee shall be \$750; and if such gross income exceeded \$750,000, such registration fee shall be \$1,000. (1959, c. 367.)

Sec. 136-E. Filing notice to suspend redemption.—No trading stamp company shall cease or suspend the redemption of trading stamps in this state without filing with the secretary of state at least 90 days prior written notice of its intentions to do so and concurrently mailing a copy of such notice to each retailer within the state which has at any time theretofore within one year issued trading stamps which the company is obligated to redeem. (1959, c. 367.)

Sec. 136-F. Penalty.—Any person violating any provision of sections 136-A to 136-F shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, and the supreme judicial court or the superior court shall have jurisdiction in equity on the complaint of any interested person to restrain and enjoin the violation of any of said provisions. (1959, c. 367.)

Employment Offices.

Sec. 145. Employment agencies; license.—No person shall open, keep or carry on any employment agency in the state, unless such person shall first procure a license therefor from the municipal officers of the city or town where such employment agency is to be located. Such license shall be granted upon the payment to the city or town treasurer, annually, of a fee of \$100 for the use of said city or town. The license shall be signed by a majority of the municipal officers, and shall continue in force from May 1st to May 1st of the succeeding year. Every license so granted shall contain the name of the person licensed, a designation of the city, street and number of the house or building in which the licensee is authorized to carry on the employment agency, and the number and date of such license, and shall be exhibited in a public and conspicuous place in the office or place of business of the licensee. Such license shall not be valid to protect any other place than that designated therein, unless consent is first obtained from the municipal officers, nor until the written consent to such transfer of the surety or sureties on the bond required by the following section is filed with the original bond. No such agency shall be located in a building or upon premises where intoxicating liquors are sold or dispensed contrary to law, or which or part of which is used as an inn, lodging house or boardinghouse; nor shall any license be issued to any person directly or indirectly interested in the sale of intoxicating liquors. The application for such license shall be filed with the municipal officers

at least 1 week prior to the date of hearing thereon, and the municipal officers shall act upon any application within 30 days after the filing thereof. Each application shall be accompanied by the affidavits of 2 persons who have known the applicant, or the chief officers thereof if a corporation, for 2 years at least, stating that the applicant is or said officers are of good moral character and a resident or residents of the state and has or have been such for at least 5 years prior to the date of such application. (R. S. c. 88, § 114. 1957, c. 139, § 1.)

Effect of amendment. — The 1957 amendment and increased the fee in the present amendment deleted the former second sentence from \$25 to \$100. sentence relative to fine and imprison-

Sec. 148. Receipt given to applicants for employment.—Every licensee shall give to each applicant for employment from whom a fee or other valuable thing shall be received for procuring such employment, or to whom a charge is made therefor, which fee or other valuable thing shall in no case exceed the equivalent of the first week's wages, a receipt, in which shall be stated the name of the applicant, the amount of the fee or other valuable thing, the date, the name or nature of the employment or situation to be procured, and the name and address of the person, firm or corporation to whom the applicant is referred or sent for work or employment. Such fee shall be in full compensation for all service of said licensee. Should employment terminate in less than one month from time of placement, the fee shall not be over 10% of wages earned. The person to be employed must be furnished with a duplicate card showing name, last residence and name and residence of nearest relative or friend. No licensee shall by himself, agent or otherwise induce or attempt to induce any employee to leave his employment with a view to obtaining other employment through such agency. (R. S. c. 88, § 117. 1957, c. 139, § 2. 1959, c. 121, § 1.)

Effect of amendments. — The 1957 amendment changed the maximum fee from "\$1.00 if paid in advance, or \$1.25 if charged" to "50% of the first full week's wages" in the first sentence, and deleted the former third sentence which provided for the return of the fee if no employment

was obtained.

The 1959 amendment, effective March 27, 1959, substituted the words "the equivalent" for "50%" in the phrase which was changed by the 1957 amendment and added the present third sentence.

Sec. 148-A. Method of payment of fee for placement.—If placement fee is paid weekly, $\frac{1}{8}$ of such fee shall be paid each week for the first 8 weeks of employment; if paid semi-monthly, $\frac{1}{4}$ of the fee shall be paid for the first 4 paydays; if paid monthly, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the fee shall be paid for the first 2 paydays. (1957, c. 139, § 2-A. 1959, c. 121, § 2.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1959 amendment, effective March 27, 1959, substituted " $\frac{1}{8}$ " for " $\frac{1}{6}$ " and "8" for "6" in the first

clause and " $\frac{1}{4}$ " for " $\frac{1}{3}$ " and "4" for "3" in the second clause.

Sec. 149. No person sent to place of bad repute; questionable characters not permitted to frequent agency.—No licensee under the provisions of section 145 shall send, or cause any applicant to be sent to any questionable place or place of bad repute, house of ill fame or assignation house, or to any house or place of amusement kept for immoral purposes, or place resorted to for the purpose of prostitution, vice or gambling, the character of which such licensee knows, either actually or by reputation. No licensee shall knowingly permit questionable characters, prostitutes, gamblers, intoxicated persons or procurers to frequent such agency. No licensee shall accept any application made by or on behalf of any child for, or shall place or assist in placing any child in, any employment in violation of law. (R. S. c. 88, § 118. 1957, c. 139, § 3.)

Effect of amendment. — The 1957 amendment deleted the words "female help or servant, or inmate or performer" and substituted the word "applicant" in lieu thereof in the first sentence of this section.

Sec. 151. Penalty and jurisdiction.—Whoever violates any provision of sections 145 to 152, inclusive, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both. Trial justices shall have jurisdiction of such offenses, and in default of payment may commit the respondent to the county jail or house of correction for a period of not more than 30 days. Any municipal officer may institute criminal proceedings to enforce the provisions of said sections. (R. S. c. 88, § 120. 1957, c. 139, § 4.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1957 amendment deleted from the first sentence a former clause which read “except as otherwise provided”, and substituted “\$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both” in lieu of “\$25 with costs of prosecution” in such sentence.

Wood and Bark.

Secs. 165-171. Repealed by Public Laws 1957, c. 260, § 4.

Cross reference.—For Maine weights and measures law, see c. 32-A. As to sale of wood by the load, see c. 32-A, § 37.

Coal and Coke.

Secs. 172, 173. Repealed by Public Laws 1957, c. 260, § 4.

Cross reference.—For Maine weights and measures law, see c. 32-A. See in particular c. 32-A, § 36 re coal, coke and charcoal.

Boards, Plank and Lumber. Logs. Fees.

Sec. 187. Surveyor or culler neglects duties or practices fraud in office.—If any person, duly elected a surveyor, measurer, viewer or culler of any of said articles under sections 174 to 188 and duly qualified, unnecessarily refuses or neglects to attend to the duties of his office when requested, he forfeits \$3. If he connives at or willingly allows any breach of sections 174 to 188, or practices any other fraud or deceit in his official duties, he forfeits \$30 to the use of the town. (R. S. c. 88, § 162. 1959, c. 363, § 45.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1959 amendment divided the section into two sentences and in each deleted “the provisions of” preceding “sections” and substituted “174” for “165.”

Sec. 188. Penalties; jurisdiction.—All pecuniary penalties in sections 174 to 188 may be recovered by action of debt, indictment or complaint, and all other forfeitures by a libel filed by the treasurer or any inhabitant of the town interested. Where the violation of any of the provisions of sections 174 to 188 is made an offense punishable by a fine, trial justices within their county shall have jurisdiction of such offenses concurrent with municipal courts and the superior court. (R. S. c. 88, § 163. 1959, c. 363, § 46.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1959 amendment changed the references in two places in this section from “sections 165 to 188” to “sections 174 to 188.”

Oils.

Sec. 200. Deception as to price prohibited.

Retail sale of gasoline not per se affected with public interest.—The retail sale of gasoline per se is not a business so affected with the public interest that it warrants exercise of police power without evidence of particular evil. *State v. Union Oil Co.*, 151 Me. 438, 120 A. (2d) 708, holding former section 200-A of this chapter, which pertained to signs stating price of motor fuel unconstitutional.

Sec. 200-A. Repealed by Public Laws 1957, c. 43.

Local Sealers of Weights and Measures.

Secs. 202-224. Repealed by Public Laws 1957, c. 260, § 5.

Cross reference.—For present provisions as to local sealers of weights and measures, see c. 32-A.

Measurers of Salt, Corn and Grain.

Sec. 225. Repealed by Public Laws 1957, c. 260, § 5.

Standard Weights and Measures.

Secs. 226, 227. Repealed by Public Laws 1957, c. 260, § 5.

Ice.

Sec. 228. Repealed by Public Laws 1957, c. 260, § 5.

Chapter 101.**Plantations.**

Sec. 5-A. Perambulation of boundary lines.—Sections 9 and 10 of chapter 90-A, which contain perambulation provisions for town lines, apply equally to plantations. (1957, c. 405, § 17.)

Sec. 7. Plantation officers' names returned to secretary of state. — Clerks of organized plantations shall make return to the secretary of state on blanks by him furnished for that purpose on or before the 1st day of September, annually, of the names of the assessors and clerks of their several plantations, and that the same have been sworn. When such return is not made by any such plantation, the secretary of state shall not furnish it with blanks for election returns, and no votes purporting to be cast by such plantation shall be counted or allowed by the governor and council. When a plantation is organized after the first day of July, such return is not required to be made by the clerk thereof during that year; but the votes of such plantations shall not be counted or allowed by the governor and council for any purpose, during the year of its organization, unless it is organized at least 60 days prior to the Tuesday following the first Monday of November. (R. S. c. 89, § 7. 1959, c. 204, § 32.)

Effect of amendment.—The 1959 amendment changed the date at the end of the section from "2nd Monday in September" to "Tuesday following the first Monday of November."

Sec. 10-A. Decoration of veterans' graves on Memorial Day.—Section 11 of chapter 90-A, which requires municipalities to decorate the graves of veterans of the armed forces of the United States of America on Memorial Day, applies equally to plantations. (1957, c. 405, § 19.)

Sec. 10-B. Indebtedness; temporary loans. — Plantations may borrow money in anticipation of taxes and issue general obligation securities in the manner provided for in chapter 90-A. (1959, c. 19, § 3.)

Effective date.—The 1959 act adding this section became effective on its approval, February 26, 1959.

Sec. 11. Money for schools, poor, etc.—All plantations may raise and expend money for the support of schools and making and repairing schoolhouses, as provided in section 28 of chapter 41; for support of the poor, as provided in sec-