

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 265

In Senate, March 27, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Emerson from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Emerson of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

AN ACT Relating to the Appropriation for the Industrial Accident Commission.

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

Section twenty-nine of chapter fifty of the revised statutes
2 is hereby amended by striking out in the seventeenth and
3 eighteenth lines of said section the following words: "the
4 sum of two thousand dollars, or so much thereof as is neces-
5 sary," and by inserting in place thereof the words, 'a suffi-
6 cient amount'; also by striking out in the nineteenth and
7 twentieth lines the words, "the sum of seven thousand five

8 hundred dollars shall be annually appropriated," and by
9 inserting in place thereof the words, 'the legislature shall
10 from time to time appropriate a sufficient amount'; so that
11 as amended said section shall read as follows :

'Sect. 29. Industrial Accident Commission of the State of
2 Maine; appointment of chairman; tenure; removal and ap-
3 pointment of successor; appointment of secretary; appro-
4 priation. Authority of commission. 1915, c. 295, sect. 29.
5 The industrial accident commission of the state of Maine
6 as heretofore established, shall consist of three members.
7 The insurance commissioner and the commissioner of labor
8 and industry shall be ex-officio members thereof. The gov-
9 ernor shall appoint a chairman of the commission, who
10 shall be learned in the law and a member of the bar in good
11 standing; he shall hold office for three years from the date
12 of his appointment unless removed as hereinafter provided,
13 and until his successor is appointed and qualified; he shall
14 be sworn, and for inefficiency, wilful neglect of duty or for
15 malfeasance in office, may after notice and hearing be re-
16 moved from office by the governor and council. In case of
17 vacancy occurring through death, resignation or removal,
18 the governor shall appoint a successor for the whole term
19 of three years, subject to removal as aforesaid. The com-
20 mission shall have a secretary appointed and removable by
21 it. It shall be allowed a sufficient amount for expert and
22 clerical assistance and other expenses in organizing a suit-
23 able system of administration. The legislature shall from

24 time to time appropriate a sufficient amount for the pay-
25 ment of clerical and other assistance, physicians' and wit-
26 ness fees, traveling and other expenses.

The commission shall have a seal bearing the words "In-
2 dustrial Accident Commission of Maine." It shall have its
3 office and keep its records in the state house in Augusta,
4 but may hold sessions at any place within the state. The
5 commission shall have a general supervision over the ad-
6 ministration of this act and shall have the following powers :

I. To make rules and regulations not inconsistent with
2 this act or other laws of the state for the purpose of carry-
3 ing out the provisions hereof.

II. To issue subpoenas for witnesses and subpoenas duces
2 tecum to compel the production of books and papers relat-
3 ing to any questions in dispute before it.

III. The chairman of the commission at any hearing be-
2 fore him under the provisions of this act, may issue sub-
3 poenas for witnesses and subpoenas duces tecum to compel
4 the production of books and papers relating to any matters
5 in dispute before him. Witness fees in all proceedings un-
6 der this act shall be the same as for witnesses before the
7 supreme judicial court.