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pensation shall be fixed by the liquor commission, subject to the approval of the governor and council. Said inspectors shall be under the direct supervision and control of the chief inspector and they and the chief inspector shall give to the treasurer of state a bond of a surety company authorized to do business in this state which shall be approved by the attorney-general in the principal sum of \$5000 conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of their offices. Said chief inspector and inspectors shall be charged with the duty of inquiring into all violations of law pertaining to the sale, possession, manufacture and transportation of intoxicating liquor and the conduct of drinking houses and tipping shops, and the arresting of all violators thereof and prosecuting all offenders against the same. They shall have the same powers and duties throughout the several counties of the state as sheriffs have in their respective counties in connection with the laws pertaining to the sale, possession, manufacture and transportation of intoxicating liquors and the conduct of drinking houses and tipping shops.'

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble hereof this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved October 28, 1937.

## Chapter 248.

### AN ACT Amending the Law Relating to Unemployment Compensation.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, legislation previously enacted by the legislature of Maine in relation to unemployment compensation has failed to provide for a method of disbursing benefits which complies with the provisions of the state code; and

Whereas, benefits under the act will be payable on and after January 1, 1938, and

Whereas, failure to so pay benefits will result in hardship and suffering to those entitled thereto, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and safety; now, therefore

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

Sub-sections (b) and (c) of section 9 of chapter 192 of the public laws of 1935, as amended by section 5 of chapter 228 of the public laws of 1937, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

(b) **Accounts and deposit.** The treasurer of state shall be the ex-officio treasurer and custodian of the fund and shall administer such fund in accordance with the directions of the commission, and the state controller and shall issue his warrants, ~~vouchers or checks~~ upon it ~~in accordance with such regulations as the commission shall prescribe on certificates issued by the commission.~~ ~~He~~ The treasurer of state shall maintain within the fund 3 separate accounts: (1) a clearing account, (2) an unemployment trust fund account, and (3) a benefit account. All moneys payable to the fund, upon receipt thereof by the commission, shall be forwarded to the treasurer who shall immediately deposit them in the clearing account. Refunds payable pursuant to section 14 of this act may be paid from the clearing account upon warrants, ~~vouchers or checks~~ issued by ~~the treasurer under the direction of the commission~~ the state controller on certificates issued by the commission. After clearance thereof all other moneys in the clearing account shall be immediately deposited with the secretary of the treasury of the United States of America to the credit of the account of this state in the unemployment trust fund, established and maintained pursuant to section 904 of the Social Security Act, as amended, any provisions of law in this state relating to the deposit, administration, release, or disbursement of moneys in the possession or custody of this state to the contrary notwithstanding. The benefit account shall consist of all moneys requisitioned from this state's account in the unemployment trust fund.

Except as herein otherwise provided, moneys in the clearing and benefits accounts may be deposited by the treasurer, under the direction of the commission, in any bank or public depository in which general funds of the state may be deposited, but no public deposit insurance charge or premium shall be paid out of the fund. The treasurer shall give a separate bond conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties as custodian of the fund in an amount fixed by the commission and in a form prescribed by law or approved by the attorney-general. Premiums for said bond shall be paid from the administration fund.

(c) **Withdrawals.** Moneys shall be requisitioned from this state's account in the unemployment trust fund solely for the payment of benefits and in accordance with regulations prescribed by the commission. The commission shall from time to time requisition from the unemployment trust fund such amounts, not exceeding the amounts standing to ~~its~~ this state's account therein, as it deems necessary for the payment of benefits for a reasonable future period. Upon receipt thereof the treasurer shall deposit such moneys in the benefit account and the state controller shall issue his warrants, ~~vouchers or checks~~ for the payment of benefits solely from such benefit account. ~~Expenditures of such moneys in the benefit~~

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account and refunds from clearing account shall not be subject to any provisions of law requiring specific appropriations or other formal release by state officers of money in their custody. All warrants, vouchers or checks issued by the treasurer state controller for the payment of benefits from the benefit account and of refunds from the clearing account shall bear the signature of the treasurer countersignature of the commission or its duly authorized agent for that purpose. the state treasurer and when so countersigned and delivered to the payee shall become a check against a designated bank or trust company acting as a depository of the state government. Any balance of moneys requisitioned from the unemployment trust fund which remains unclaimed or unpaid in the benefit account after the expiration of the period for which such sums were requisitioned shall either be deducted from estimates for, and may be utilized for the payment of, benefits during succeeding periods, or, in the discretion of the commission, shall be redeposited with the secretary of the treasury of the United States of America, to the credit of this state's account in the unemployment trust fund, as provided in sub-section (b) of this section.'

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency set forth in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved October 28, 1937.

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## Chapter 249.

### AN ACT Providing for the Reduction in Fees for Registration of Motor Vehicles.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, a reduction of fees for registration of motor vehicles is possible and expedient, and the enactment of the following provisions would be of great assistance to the people of this state, and

Whereas, in order to make the provisions of this act effective to all registrants of motor vehicles in 1938, it is necessary that this act become immediately effective, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, now, therefore

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

**Automobile registration fees reduced.** After the effective date of this act, the secretary of state when collecting any fees in excess of \$2 for the