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pose may create and set aside out of its treasury, funds for a reserve or reserves, or it may contract with any insurance company authorized to transact such business within the state and grant annuities for the retirement and pensioning of its employees and for such purposes may agree to pay a part or all of the premiums or annual charges for carrying out such contracts or for creating such annuity reserves.'

Approved March 30, 1939.

Chapter 147

AN ACT Relating to Additional Industrial and Vocational Training in State Institutions.

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

Industrial and vocational training provided for. The department of health and welfare shall be, and hereby is, directed to establish and maintain suitable courses for vocational trades and industrial training in the state school for boys at South Portland, and the state reformatory at South Windham, and to install such equipment as may be necessary, and employ such suitable and qualified instructors subject to the approval of the state vocational director as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act. The expenses of carrying out the provisions of this act shall be paid from the appropriations for the above-named institutions.

Approved March 30, 1939.

Chapter 148

AN ACT Relating to Taxation of Radios.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, radios have been taxed as personal property raising revenue of around \$100,000; and

Whereas, this revenue is necessary to maintain the budgets of many towns; and

Whereas, the courts have ruled that radios are exempt from taxation as household furniture; and

Whereas, it is necessary for each town and city to balance its budget; 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

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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:

R. S., c. 13, § 6, ¶ IV, amended. Paragraph IV of section 6 of chapter 13 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

IV. The household furniture **excluding radios** of each person, not exceeding \$500 to any one ~~family~~ household, his wearing apparel, farming utensils, mechanics' tools necessary for his business, and musical instruments **excluding radios** not exceeding in value \$50 to one ~~family~~ household.'

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

Approved March 30, 1939.

Chapter 149

AN ACT to Provide for the Organization of Nonprofit Hospital Service Corporations.

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

Sec. 1. Scope. Any corporation organized under special act of the legislature, or under the provisions of chapter 70 of the revised statutes for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and operating a nonprofit hospital service plan whereby hospital care is to be provided by a hospital, or a group of hospitals, with which such corporation has a contract for such purpose may be licensed by the insurance commissioner on the terms and conditions hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. Incorporation. The articles of incorporation of every such corporation, and amendments thereto, shall be submitted to the insurance commissioner, whose approval thereof shall be endorsed thereon before the same are filed with the secretary of state.

There shall be not less than 7 directors, and at least a majority of the directors of such corporation must be at all times administrators, incorporators, trustees or members of the clinical staff of the hospital or hospitals which have contracted with such corporation to render hospital service to the subscribers.

Sec. 3. Contracts. Such corporation may enter into contracts for the rendering of hospital service to the subscribers only with hospitals ap-