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textile factory shall post in every room where any employees work by ~~the job piece rate~~, in legible writing or printing, and in sufficient numbers to be easily accessible to such employees, specifications of the character of each kind of work to be done by them and the rate of compensation, ~~whether paid by the pound or by the pick as registered by the pick clock on each loom.~~ Such specifications in the case of weaving rooms shall state the intended and maximum length of a cut or piece, the count per inch of ~~read~~ reed, and the number of picks per inch, width of loom, width of cloth woven in the loom, ~~and the price per cut or piece, or per pound; or, if payment is made per pick or per yard, the price per pick or per yard;~~ and each warp shall bear a designating ticket or mark of identification; and in mills operating looms ~~on piece rate basis~~, engaged in the weaving of cloth or other textiles, where weavers are not paid on a per hour or day basis, pick clocks shall be placed on each loom in operation, and each weaver shall be paid according to the number of picks registered on said clock; provided, however, that this act shall not apply to so-called gang looms or the weaving of carpets or elastic webbing. Violation of any provision of this act shall for the 1st offense be punished by a fine of not more than \$50, for the 2nd offense by a fine of not more than \$100, and for a subsequent offense by a fine of not more than \$200 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Approved April 21, 1939.

Chapter 286

AN ACT Relating to Interest on Small Loans.

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

R. S., c. 57, § 150, amended. Section 150 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 150. Amount of loan and rate of interest limited. Every person, co-partnership and corporation licensed hereunder may loan any sum of money, goods or choses in action not exceeding in amount or value the sum of \$300, and may charge, contract for and receive thereon interest at a rate not to exceed 3% per month on that part of the unpaid principal balance of any loan not in excess of \$150, and 2½% per month on any remainder of such unpaid principal balance, provided, however, that a minimum charge of not exceeding 25c shall be allowable in all cases. No person shall owe any licensee at any time more than \$300 for principal. No licensee shall induce or permit any borrower to split up or divide any loan, and all sums owed by any person at any one time shall be considered

as 1 contract of loan for the purpose of computing the interest payable thereon. No licensee shall induce or permit any person, nor any husband and wife, jointly or severally, to become obligated, directly or contingently or both, under more than 1 contract of loan at the same time, for the purpose or with the result of obtaining a higher rate of interest than would otherwise be permitted by this section.'

Approved April 21, 1939.

Chapter 287

AN ACT Relating to Jury Commissioners.

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

R. S., c. 120, additional. Chapter 120 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 90 of the public laws of 1935 is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof a new section to be numbered 7, and to read as follows:

'Sec. 7. Vacancies; how filled. If at any time 1 of the jury commissioners in any county shall die, resign or be removed, or by reason of absence, sickness or other disability shall be unable to perform the duties of his office, the other jury commissioner for that county shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the jury commissioners for that county until such vacancy shall have been filled by the chief justice or such absent or disabled jury commissioner shall resume the performance of the duties of his office. If such vacancy is filled by appointment by the chief justice, the appointment shall be only for the remainder of the term for which the jury commissioner was originally appointed whose vacancy is to be filled.

In filling the vacancy as provided in this act, or in filling a vacancy created through the expiration of the term of office of any jury commissioner heretofore appointed, the chief justice shall appoint as said jury commissioners from among the residents of said respective counties as heretofore provided only those who do not hold a state or county office for which they receive a salary from the state or county. Should any jury commissioner during the tenure of his office accept any other state or county office, he shall forfeit the office of jury commissioner.'

Approved April 21, 1939.