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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act.

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

Section 1. Section nine of chapter two hundred and thirty-
2 eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen known
3 as the Workmen's Compensation Act, as amended by chap-
4 ter two hundred and twenty-two of the public laws of nine-
5 teen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby further amended
6 by adding at the end of the section the sentence, 'In com-
7 puting the seven-day waiting period, so-called, the day of
8 the accident shall be counted as one'; so that said section,
9 as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 9. No compensation except medical, surgical and

2 hospital services, nursing and medicines, and mechanical
3 surgical aids as provided in section ten of this act shall be
4 paid thereunder during the first seven days after the acci-
5 dent. If incapacity exists at the expiration of seven days,
6 compensation shall begin on the eighth day. If incapacity
7 arises after seven days, compensation shall begin on the
8 date such incapacity begins. In computing the seven-day
9 waiting period, so-called, the day of the accident shall be
10 counted as one.'

Sect. 2. Section thirteen of said Workmen's Compensa-
2 tion Act is hereby amended by striking out the words "last
3 sickness and" in the fourth and ninth lines thereof; so that
4 said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 13. If the employee dies as a result of the injury,
2 leaving no dependents at the time of the injury, the em-
3 ployer shall pay, in addition to any compensation provided
4 for in this act, the reasonable expense of his burial, which
5 shall not exceed two hundred dollars. Provided, however,
6 if dependents appear before the commission within one
7 year after the death of the said employee, and prove that
8 they are entitled to compensation as provided for by this
9 act, and such compensation is decreed to be paid to the said
10 dependents, the reasonable expenses of burial as aforesaid
11 shall be deducted from the amount allowed to the said de-
12 pendants.'

Sect. 3. Section two of chapter two hundred and one
2 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-five,

3 amending the Workmen's Compensation Act, is hereby cor-
4 rected by striking out the word "seventeen" in the second
5 line thereof and inserting in place thereof the word 'six-
6 teen'; so that said section, as corrected, shall read as fol-
7 lows:

'Sect. 2. Sections fourteen, fifteen and sixteen of chap-
2 ter two hundred and thirty-eight of the public laws of nine-
3 teen hundred and nineteen, as amended, are further amend-
4 ed by striking out the word "sixteen" whenever it appears
5 in said sections and inserting in place thereof the word
6 'eighteen'.'

Sect. 4. Section twenty-nine of chapter two hundred
2 thirty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred nine-
3 teen as amended by section nine of chapter two hundred
4 and twenty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
5 twenty-one, is hereby amended by striking out in the first
6 and second lines of the second paragraph thereof the words
7 "three thousand five hundred" and inserting in lieu thereof
8 the words 'four thousand,' and by striking out in the fourth
9 line of said paragraph the words 'three thousand,' and in-
10 serting in lieu thereof the words 'three thousand five hun-
11 dred,' so that said second paragraph of section twenty-nine,
12 as amended, shall read as follows:

'The chairman shall receive a salary of four thousand
2 dollars per annum, beginning January first, nineteen hun-
3 dred and nineteen, and the associate legal member shall
4 receive a salary of three thousand five hundred dollars per

5 annum. The commissioner of labor and industry shall re-
6 ceive the sum of one thousand dollars, in addition to his
7 salary as commissioner of labor and industry. The com-
8 missioner of insurance shall receive the sum of five hun-
9 dred dollars, in addition to his salary as commissioner of
10 insurance. The members of the commission shall also re-
11 ceive their actual, necessary, cash expenses while away from
12 their office on official business of the commission.'