

NINETY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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Reported by Senator Bishop of Sagadahoc from Committee on Indian Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Agents, Health and Other Officers of Indian Tribes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, amended. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 311-A to 311-C, to read as follows:

'Sec. 311-A. Health officers provided for. A tribal physician or nurse for each of the reservations of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians shall be appointed by the director of the bureau of health, subject to the approval of the commissioner. Such tribal physician or nurse shall be a physician or other person approved because of training and experience in public health work and shall serve for a term of 3 years and until his successor is appointed and approved; compensation to be determined by the commissioner.'

'Sec. 311-B. Appointment of overseers of the poor and other special officers. An overseer of the poor, a road commissioner, a local health officer and a tribal hall keeper may be appointed by the tribal governor of each of the Indian tribes subject to the approval of the tribal council, if any, of each such tribe. Such officers shall advise with the Indian agent and receive compensation for duties performed upon his authorization.'

'Sec. 311-C. Appointment of clerks of Indian tribes. A clerk of the

reservation of each Indian tribe shall be appointed by the tribal governor subject to the approval of the tribal council, if any. The clerks shall keep a record of the births and deaths of persons living on such reservation and perform all other duties with respect to the same as are required of the clerks of towns under the provisions of sections 383 and 385. He shall receive a fee of 25c for each certificate returned to the bureau of vital statistics.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, §§ 355 and 358, repealed. Sections 355 and 358 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.