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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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year nineteen hundred and ten, to expend from the same appropriation and for the same purposes, not exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars, if in his judgment such expenditure can be judiciously made in the prosecution of the purposes and objects of this act.

Approved April 1, 1909.

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### Chapter 180.

An Act to further define and enlarge the duties of the Commissioner of the Bureau of Industrial and Labor Statistics.

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

Duties of  
commis-  
sioner.

Section 1. The commissioner of the bureau of industrial and labor statistics shall, as often as it may seem necessary, transmit by mail to the owner, operator or manager of every manufacturing establishment in the state a schedule embodying inquiries as to

1. Name of person, partnership or corporation.
2. Kind of goods manufactured or business done.
3. Number of partners or stockholders.
4. Capital invested.
5. Principal stock or raw material used, and total value thereof.
6. Gross quantity and value of articles manufactured.
7. Average number of persons employed, distinguishing as to sex, adults and children.
8. Smallest number of persons employed, and in what month.
9. Largest number of persons employed, and in what month.
10. Total wages, not including salaries of managers, paid during the year, distinguishing as to sex, adults and children.
11. Proportion that the business of the year bore to the greatest capacity for production of the establishment.
12. Number of weeks in operation during the year, partial time being reduced to full time.

Manufac-  
turers shall  
file answers  
with com-  
missioners.

Section 2. The owner, operator or manager of every establishment which is engaged in manufacturing, who receives the foregoing schedule, shall answer the inquiries thereon for the time called for and return said schedule to said commissioner, with the answers therein certified as to their accuracy, on or before the first day of September following the receipt of said schedule. Abstracts of the information so collected, with

proper and comparative analysis thereof, shall be included in the report of the bureau.

Section 3. Except by special permission, the names of persons, partnerships or corporations who supply the information called for by the two preceding sections shall not be used in said reports, and the information obtained by circular or otherwise for the use of the bureau shall be confidential and not for the purpose of disclosing any person's affairs.

Names and information shall be for confidential use of bureau.

Section 4. The said commissioner shall investigate the causes of industrial accidents, the effect of such accidents upon the injured and their dependent relatives and upon the general public, and publish statistics thereon.

Investigation of accidents.

Section 5. He shall collect, arrange, illustrate, publish and distribute in this and other states, authentic information in regard to the resources and attractions of Maine, showing the advantages the state has to offer to manufacturers, capitalists, summer residents, tourists, farmers, and those seeking employment as farm laborers.

Information in regard to resources and attractions of the state shall be published.

He shall collect reliable information concerning the deposits of all valuable and useful minerals in the state, collect samples, and specimens of the same and arrange them so that they will represent an exhibit of the mineral and other valuable deposits of Maine.

—deposits of minerals.

Section 6. To provide for carrying out the provisions of this act, the twenty-third paragraph of section one of chapter one hundred sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "two thousand" in the third line of said paragraph and inserting in place thereof the words 'three thousand five hundred,' so that said paragraph, as amended, shall read as follows:

Paragraph 23, section 1, chapter 116, R. S., amended.

'Commissioner of industrial and labor statistics, fifteen hundred dollars; and he may employ such assistance, and incur such expense not exceeding three thousand five hundred dollars a year, as may be necessary for the performance of his duties.'

Salary of commissioner.

—expenses.

Approved April 1, 1909.

## Chapter 181.

An Act relating to Inspectors of Meters.

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

Section 1. The municipal officers of cities and towns may annually elect an inspector of meters who shall serve for one year or until another is qualified in his stead at such salary as said municipal officers shall determine.

Inspector of meters, election and tenure.