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## CHAP. 87

## Chapter 87.

An Act to Amend Sections Fifty-four and Fifty-five of Chapter Forty of the Revised Statutes, as Amended, Relating to the Issuing of Age and Schooling Certificates.

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

Section 54 of chapter 40, as amended, further amended.

Section 1. Section fifty-four of chapter forty of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter forty-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred seven, chapter two hundred fifty-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred nine, and chapters one hundred eighteen and one hundred forty-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred eleven, is hereby amended by striking out the word "shall" in the first line and inserting in its place the word 'may,' so that as amended said section shall read as follows :

Certificates may be issued by superintendent of schools.

'Section 54. Age and schooling certificates may be issued by the superintendent of schools of the city or town in which the child resides, or some person designated or authorized in writing by the school committee, and such age and schooling certificate when duly issued shall excuse such child from attendance at public school ; but no person shall issue such certificate to any minor then in or about to enter his employment or the employment of a firm or corporation of which he is member, stockholder, officer or employee. The person who issues the certificate in accordance with the provisions of this section is hereby empowered to administer the oath provided for therein, but no fee shall be charged therefor.'

Section 55 of chapter 40, R. S., as amended, further amended.

Section 2. Section fifty-five of chapter forty of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter forty-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred seven, as amended by chapter two hundred fifty-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred nine, as affected by chapter fifty-five of the public laws of nineteen hundred eleven, as amended by chapter one hundred forty-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred eleven, is hereby further amended by striking out all after the word "school" in the eighteenth line thereof, and inserting in its place the following : 'The superintendent of schools, or the person authorized to issue such age and schooling certificates, may require, in doubtful cases, a certificate from the school physician, or, in case there is no school physician, from the medical officer of the board of health certifying that the child is physically able to perform the work which it intends to do ; said certificate must be signed by the child in the presence of the examining physician. The state factory inspector, his deputy or agent, may require a similar certificate, in doubtful cases, of minors em-

—superintendent of schools may require certificate from city physician.

—state factory inspector may require certificate.

ployed under an age and schooling certificate,' so that as amended said section shall read as follows:

'Section 55. An age and schooling certificate shall not be issued until the child applying therefor, or some person in his behalf, shall furnish satisfactory evidence of the age of the child, which evidence shall be a certified copy of the town clerk's record of the birth of said child, or a certified copy of his baptismal record, showing the date of his birth, or a passport showing the date of his birth, or other document satisfactory to the superintendent of schools or the person authorized to issue such age and schooling certificates; nor until such child has demonstrated his ability to read at sight and write simple sentences in the English language, and perform simple arithmetical problems involving the fundamental processes of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, such educational test to be prepared and furnished by the superintendent of schools or the school committee of each city and town in the state; or has furnished a certificate to that effect signed by any teacher in any of the public schools of the city or town in which such child resides, or by the principal of any approved private school. The superintendent of schools, or the person authorized to issue such age and schooling certificates, may require, in doubtful cases, a certificate from the school physician, or, in case there is no school physician, from the medical officer of the board of health certifying that the child is physically able to perform the work which it intends to do; said certificate must be signed by the child in the presence of the examining physician. The state factory inspector, his deputy or agent, may require a similar certificate, in doubtful cases, of minors employed under an age and schooling certificate.'

CHAP. 88

Satisfactory evidence of age of child shall be furnished.

—evidence shall be record of birth.

—or other document.

—examination as to acquirements of child shall be had.

—or a certificate by a teacher.

—certificate from school physician may be required.

Approved March 25, 1913.

## Chapter 88.

An Act to Amend Section Thirteen of Chapter Fifty-three of the Revised Statutes in Relation to the Taking of Land by Street Railroad Companies.

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

Section thirteen of chapter fifty-three of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out from the sixteenth and seventeenth lines thereof the words "furnished the corporation with a certificate containing a definite description thereof;" and inserting in place thereof the words 'make a certificate contain-

Section 13 of chapter 53, R. S., amended.