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## CHAP. 348

## Chapter 348.

An Act to Amend Sections Four, Seven and Eight of Chapter Sixty-five of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Eleven, Relating to the Department of Labor and Industry, and to Further Amend Said Chapter by Adding Section Twelve Thereto.

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

Ch. 65, Sec.  
4, P. L.,  
1911,  
amended.

Section 1. Section four of chapter sixty-five of the Public Laws nineteen hundred eleven is hereby amended by striking out the word "allow" in the tenth line therein, and substituting for and instead thereof the words 'admit or shall delay,' by striking out the words "to so enter," after the word "department" in the eleventh line therein and substituting for and instead thereof the words 'in so entering,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Powers of  
Inspector  
or agent to  
enter man-  
ufactur-  
ing estab-  
lishment.

'Section 4. The Commissioner as State Factory Inspector and any authorized agent of the Labor Department shall have power to enter any factory or mill, workshop, private works or State institutions which have shops or factories, when the same are open or in operation, for the purpose of gathering facts and statistics such as are contemplated by this act, and to examine into the methods of protection from danger to employees and the sanitary conditions in and around such buildings and places, and to make a record thereof of such inspection.

Penalty for  
refusal to  
impart in-  
formation  
to Inspec-  
tor or  
agent.

And if any person, or persons, shall refuse to admit or shall unreasonably delay the Commissioner, or any authorized agent of the Labor Department, in so entering, or shall refuse to give the information so desired by said Commissioner or authorized agent, then said person or persons, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, before any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court. If the Commissioner as State Factory Inspector, or any authorized agent of the Department of Labor, shall find upon such inspection that the heating, lighting, ventilation or sanitary arrangement of any workshops or factories is such as to be injurious to the health of the persons employed or residing therein or that the means of egress in case of fire or other disaster are not sufficient, or that the belting, shafting, gearing, elevators, drums, saws, cogs and machinery in such workshops and factories are located or are in a condition so as to be dangerous to employees and not sufficiently guarded, or that vats, pans, or any other structures, filled with molten metal or hot liquids, are not surrounded with proper safeguards

Duty of  
Inspector  
or agent  
when un-  
sanitary  
conditions  
injurious to  
employees,  
are found.

for preventing accidents or injury to those employed at or near them, he shall notify, in writing, the owner, proprietor or agent of such workshops or factories to make, within thirty days, the alterations or additions by him deemed necessary for the safety and protection of the employees; and if such alterations or additions are not made within thirty days from the date of such written notice, or within such time as said alterations or additions can be made with proper diligence upon the part of such proprietors, owners or agents, said proprietors, owners or agents so notified shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon complaint of the Commissioner as State Factory Inspector before a court of competent jurisdiction, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in a sum not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not more than thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'

Penalty for not complying with demands of inspector or agent.

Section 2. Section seven of chapter sixty-five of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred eleven is hereby amended by striking out the word "three" in the tenth line therein and substituting for and instead thereof the word 'five,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Ch. 65, Sec. 7, P. L., 1911, amended.

Section 7. In addition to the Deputy Commissioner provided for by section one of this act, the Commissioner shall appoint a stenographer for the Department of Labor; he shall also employ a woman factory inspector, and he may also employ special agents and such other assistants, as may be necessary in the discharge of the official duties of said department of labor; such special agents and other assistants shall be paid for the services rendered such compensation as the Commissioner may deem proper, but no such agents or assistants shall be paid more than five dollars per day in addition to necessary traveling expenses, said agents and assistants shall work under the supervision and direction of the Commissioner of Labor.'

Stenographer shall be appointed.

—woman factory inspector, special agents, etc., compensation of.

Section 3. Section eight of chapter sixty-five of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred eleven is hereby amended by striking out the words "exclusive of the salaries provided for by this section" after the word "thereof" in the ninth line therein, and by inserting the same words after the word "purposes" in the twelfth line thereof; by striking out the words "nine" and "total" in the eleventh line therein and the word "eight" in the thirteenth line, substituting for and instead of the said words "nine" and "eight" the words 'fourteen' and 'seven' respectively, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Ch. 65, Sec. 8, P. L., 1911, amended.

## CHAP. 349

Salary of  
Commissioner and  
Deputy.  
—stenog-  
rapher.  
—salaries  
and ex-  
penses  
shall be  
audited.  
—proviso.

'Section 8. The salary of such Commissioner shall be sixteen hundred dollars per year, and that of his deputy, thirteen hundred dollars per year, together with all necessary travelling expenses. The salary of the stenographer shall be six hundred dollars per year. All such salaries and other expenses provided for in this act shall be audited the same as salaries and expenses of other state departments and shall be payable upon proper vouchers certified by the Commissioner. Provided, that the amount thereof, shall not exceed for any two years the sum of fourteen thousand dollars, making the annual appropriation for this Department of Labor for all purposes, exclusive of the salaries provided for by this section, seven thousand dollars. Provided, however, that any unexpended balance to the credit of the Department of Labor at the close of any year in which the Legislature regularly meets shall be carried over and made available for use in the following year.'

—proviso.

Ch. 65, P.  
L. 1911,  
amended,  
addi-  
tionally.  
—fines and  
penalties,  
how re-  
covered.

Section 4. Chapter sixty-five of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred eleven, is amended by adding thereto the following section:

'Section 12. All fines or penalties provided for by the terms of this act may be recovered or enforced by complaint or indictment, and in all prosecutions under this chapter and amendments thereof and additions thereto, trial justices and judges of the municipal and police courts, within their counties, shall have, by complaint, original and concurrent jurisdiction with the Supreme Judicial and Superior courts.'

Approved April 2, 1915.

## Chapter 349.

An Act Providing for the Temporary Licensing of Automobiles and Motor Vehicles.

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

Secretary  
of State  
shall keep  
tags on  
sale in cit-  
ies and  
towns of  
his selec-  
tion.

The Secretary of State is hereby authorized to keep on sale in such cities and towns as he may select, with the chief of police or such persons as he may designate, tags that can be attached to automobiles or motor vehicles in a conspicuous place; and when said tags are attached, properly filled out and signed, said automobiles or motor vehicles may be operated seven days from the date on said tag, and in the same manner as those bearing the regular plates furnished by the State.

—time  
limit.

—fee for  
tags.

The fee to be collected for such tags shall be one dollar, and this shall be placed in the same funds as money received for other licenses of motor vehicles, and used for the same purposes.