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made, and said town shall bear all necessary expense incurred,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 10. State board of assessors may employ assistance, in any local reassessment, at expense of municipality. The board shall, at its own instance or on complaint made to it, diligently investigate all cases of concealment of property from taxation, of under valuation, and of failure to assess property liable to taxation. They shall bring to the attention of town assessors all such cases in their respective towns. They shall direct proceedings, actions and prosecutions to be instituted to enforce all laws relating to the assessment and taxation of property and to the liability of individuals, public officers, and officers, and agents of corporations for failure or negligence to comply with the provisions of the laws governing the assessment of taxation of property, and the attorney general and county attorneys, upon the written request of the board, shall institute such legal proceedings as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The board shall have power to order the reassessment of any or all real and personal property, or either, in any town where in the judgment of said board such reassessment is advisable or necessary to the end that all classes of property in such town shall be assessed in compliance with the law. Neglect or failure to comply with such orders on the part of any assessor or other official shall be deemed wilful neglect of duty and he shall be subject to the penalties provided by law in such cases. Provided a satisfactory reassessment is not made by the local assessors, then the board of state assessors may employ assistance, from within or without the town where such reassessment is to be made, and said town shall bear all necessary expense incurred. Any person aggrieved because of such reassessment shall have the same right of petition and appeal as from the original assessment.'

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Chapter 25.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred Twenty-one of Chapter Fifty-three of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Insurance Agents and Brokers.

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

Sec. 1, R. S., c. 53, § 121, relating to licenses of insurance agents, amended. Section one hundred twenty-one of chapter fifty-three of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "he forfeits not more than fifty dollars for each offense," in the twelfth line and inserting in place thereof the words 'he shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding sixty days, for each offense,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 121. Penalty for soliciting applications, without license, increased. The insurance commissioner may issue a license to any person to act as an agent of a domestic insurance company, upon his filing with the commissioner a certificate from the company or association, or its authorized agent, empowering him so to act; and to any resident of the state to act

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as an agent of any foreign insurance company, which has received a license to do business in the state as provided in section one hundred and five or section one hundred and fifty, upon his filing such certificate. Such license shall continue until the first day of the next July. If any person solicits, receives or forwards any risk or application for insurance to any company, without first receiving such license, or fraudulently assumes to be an agent and thus procures risks and receives money for premiums, he shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding sixty days, for each offense; but any policy issued on such application binds the company if otherwise valid. Agents of duly authorized insurance companies may place risks with agents of other duly authorized companies when necessary for the adequate insurance of property, persons or interests. An insurance agent shall be personally liable on all contracts of insurance unlawfully made by or through him, directly or indirectly, for or in behalf of any company not authorized to do business in the state. Nothing herein contained shall require a duly licensed insurance agent or broker to obtain any license for an employee doing only clerical office work in the office of said agent or broker.'

Sec. 2, R. S., c. 53, § 122, relating to licensing insurance brokers, amended. Section one hundred twenty-two of chapter fifty-three of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "fifty" in the tenth line and inserting in place thereof the words 'two hundred,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 122. Fine for assuming to act as insurance broker, without a license increased. The insurance commissioner may license any person as broker to negotiate contracts of insurance for others than himself for a compensation, by virtue of which license he may effect insurance with any domestic company or its agents; or any resident of the state to negotiate such contracts and effect insurance with the agents of any foreign company who have been licensed to do business in this state as provided in sections one hundred and five and one hundred and twenty-one, but with no others; said license shall remain in force one year unless revoked as hereinafter provided. Whoever, without such license, assumes to act as such broker, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not more than sixty days for each offense. The insurance commissioner, after reasonable notice, may revoke the license of any agent or broker for violation of the insurance laws; or the license of any agent upon receipt of written request therefor from the company filed in the office of said commissioner.'

Approved March 8, 1917.

Chapter 26.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-five of Chapter Sixty-eight of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Powers of Special Administrators.

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

R. S., c. 68, § 35, relating to powers and duties of special administrators, amended. Section thirty-five of chapter sixty-eight of the revised statutes