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statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the word "exceed" in the fifth line and before the word "and" in the ninth line of said section and inserting in place therefor the words "two thousand dollars," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 55. **Commissioner's expenditure not to exceed \$2,000 annually.** The insurance commissioner may employ such clerks and assistants, provide such blanks and incur such expense, as may be necessary to carry out his duties in investigating or causing to be investigated the origin of fires and the inspection of buildings and property, not to exceed two thousand dollars and all bills and expenses incurred shall be audited by the state auditor.'

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 271.

An Act to Provide for the Recording of Discharges of Attachments by Registers of Deeds.

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

R. S., c. 86, § 71, relating to dissolution of attachments, amended. Section seventy-one of chapter eighty-six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

'Register of deeds to make minute on margin of record within one hour after delivery of certificate. Within one hour after the delivery of such certificate to him, the register shall also make a minute of the same on the margin of the record of the attachment.'

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 272.

An Act to Require Certain Vehicles to Carry Lights at Night and to Control the Glare of Head Lights.

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

Sec. 1. Vehicles to carry lights; exceptions. Every vehicle on wheels, whether stationary or in motion, on any public way or bridge, shall have attached to it a light or lights so displayed as to be visible from the front and the rear thereof during the period from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise; provided, however, that this act shall not apply to any vehicle which is designed to be propelled by hand, or any vehicle designed for the transportation of hay, straw, wood, lumber, stone, machinery or other heavy freight, nor shall it apply to any form of vehicle whatsoever while upon any bridge or highway where street lights are maintained at a distance of five hundred feet apart or less.

Sec. 2. Penalty for violators refusing to give name and address to officer. Whoever while driving or in charge of any vehicle not lighted as re-

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quired by any of the provisions of this act, shall fail or refuse when requested by a sheriff or his deputy, a constable or a police officer, to give his correct name and address, shall be liable to the penalty provided in this act.

Sec. 3. Headlights on electric cars and motor vehicles; public utilities commission to prescribe regulations; provisions. The public utilities commission shall prepare rules and regulations from time to time governing the use and operation of headlights on electric cars and lights on motor vehicles used on public highways, and prescribe penalties for violation thereof and may from time to time alter, rescind or add to any rules and regulations previously made by it. The rules and regulations of the commission and any changes therein shall take effect when approved by the governor and council and published at least once in each daily newspaper in the state.

Sec. 4. Penalty for violations. Whoever fails to comply with any of the provisions of this act relative to the use of lights shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five dollars for each offense.

Sec. 5. Inconsistent statutes repealed. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 273.

An Act in Relation to Suits in Court, the Parties whereto being in the Military Service of the United States, or of this State.

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

Sec. 1. Suits in court against persons in Federal service to be continued; exceptions. Any action of contract or review now pending, or which may be commenced against any person, who is or shall be mustered into the service of the United States, or of this state, during the present war, shall at the request of the defendant be continued without cost to either party till his term of service shall expire; provided that the provisions of this act shall not apply to suits and proceedings upon official bonds, or actions where the party mustered into the service of the United States, or of this state, is liable jointly with a partner or person not in such service, nor to any action where the court may be satisfied that great injustice would be done by such continuance.

Sec. 2. Exemption of personal property from attachment. Personal property to the amount of one thousand dollars, other than that held in partnership as above, and other than whereon attachment had been made upon mesne process prior to the date of enlistment of the defendant, in addition to that already exempted by law, shall be exempt from attachment or seizure upon execution from and after the date of such enlistment in the service aforesaid, and during his term of service, to be designated by the defendant, or his agent or attorney.