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paupers in such unincorporated place, shall pay such expenses, and in either case upon satisfactory proof by such town or city to the governor and council of the fact of such death and payment, the governor shall authorize the treasurer of state to refund said town or city the amount so paid, provided, however, that the person whose burial expenses are paid in accordance with the provisions of this section and the preceding section shall not be constituted a pauper thereby; said proof shall contain a certificate from the adjutant general of the state to the effect that such person was an honorably discharged soldier or sailor, or the widow of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor.'

Approved March 27, 1919.

Chapter 115.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-nine, of Chapter Fifty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Increase or Decrease of Capital Stock, or Stock, Bond or Scrip Dividend.

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

R. S., c. 55, § 39; prohibiting decrease of capital stock or declaration of dividend without approval of public utilities commission, amended. Section thirty-nine of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph: 'Any public utility organized under special act of the legislature or under general laws of the state may increase its capital stock to an amount not exceeding one million dollars upon approval of the commission. The public utility voting to increase its capital stock shall, within fifteen days after such action file notice of the proposed increase with the commission. If such increase is approved, upon payment of the fees prescribed by section forty-two of chapter fifty-one revised statutes, the commission shall thereupon issue its certificate of approval to the company so increasing its capital stock and shall also cause to be filed a certificate in the office of the secretary of state certifying to such increase,' so that said section thirty-nine, as amended, shall read:

'Sec. 39. May increase capital stock to not exceeding one million dollars upon approval of commission. No public utility shall decrease its capital stock or declare any stock, bond or scrip dividend or divide the proceeds of the sale of its own or any stock, bond or scrip among stockholders without the consent of the commission. Any public utility organized under special act of the legislature or under general laws of the state may increase its capital stock to an amount not exceeding one million dollars upon approval of the commission. The public utility voting to increase its capital stock shall, within fifteen days after such action file notice of the proposed increase with the commission. If such increase is approved, upon payment of the fees prescribed by section forty-two, of chapter fifty-

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one revised statutes, the commission shall thereupon issue its certificate of approval to the company so increasing its capital stock and shall also cause to be filed a certificate in the office of the secretary of state certifying to such increase.'

Approved March 27, 1919.

Chapter 116.

An Act to Amend Section One of Chapter One Hundred and Forty-five of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to Automatic Signals.

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

1917, c. 145, § 1; relating to installation of automatic signals at railroad crossings, amended. Section one of chapter one hundred and forty-five of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by substituting for the last sentence in said section the following: 'Wherever the term "signal" or "automatic signal" is used in this act, same shall be construed to be an appliance which gives warning of the approach of a train and which is either audible and visible by day and by night, or audible or visible, as may be determined by the commission,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Terms "signal" and "automatic signals" redefined. The public utilities commission is hereby given authority to require each steam railroad company operating within this state to install, operate and maintain an automatic signal at any highway crossing within this state, where, after reasonable notice and hearing, said commission shall decide that public safety requires such signal as a proper measure of protection. The expense of installing, operating and maintaining any such signal shall be borne by the corporation operating the railroad passing over the crossing to be protected. Wherever the term "signal" or "automatic signal" is used in this act, same shall be construed to be an appliance which gives warning of the approach of a train and which is either audible and visible by day and by night, or audible or visible, as may be determined by the commission.'

Approved March 27, 1919.

Chapter 117.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred and Four of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Reports of Academies and Private Schools.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 104; relating to reports of educational institutions receiving state aid, amended. Section one hundred and four of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said sec-