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'Sec. 72. Appropriation increased to \$12,500. For said purpose the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars shall be appropriated each year, and so much thereof as may be necessary, may be expended under the direction of the attorney general. The governor and council may draw their warrants from time to time, for the expenditure of said sum upon the presentation of bills properly avouched by the attorney general. The attorney general shall at the request of any state department, make or cause to be made investigations in behalf of such department and he shall also prosecute any case to such extent as may seem advisable; and the expense of such investigation and prosecution shall be charged to this appropriation.'

Approved April 4, 1919.

Chapter 230.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-five of Chapter Thirty of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Seventy of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to the Amount to be Expended by the Insurance Commissioner in Investigating Fires.

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

R. S., c. 30, § 55; 1917, c. 270; relating to investigation by insurance commissioner of origin of fires, amended. Section fifty-five of chapter thirty of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and seventy of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby amended by striking out in the first and second lines of said section the words "employ such clerks and assistants, provide such blanks and"; also by striking out the words "two thousand dollars" in the fourth and fifth lines of said section and inserting in place thereof the words 'three thousand one hundred dollars annually'; so that as amended said section shall read as follows:

'Sec. 55. Appropriation limit increased. The insurance commissioner may 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 three thousand one hundred dollars annually and all bills and expenses incurred shall be audited by the state auditor.'

Approved April 4, 1919.

Chapter 231.

An Act Relating to Appropriations for the Department of Labor and Industry.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 49, § 9; relating to appointment of commissioner of labor and industry, duties and powers, and appropriation for department,

amended. Section nine of chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-third lines of said section the following words: "Provided, that the amount thereof shall not exceed for any two years the sum of fourteen thousand dollars, making the total annual appropriation for the department for all purposes, exclusive of the salaries of the commissioner, his deputy and a stenographer, seven thousand dollars. 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"; so that, as amended, said section shall read as follows:

'Sec. 9. Provision limiting amount of appropriation eliminated. A state department of labor and industry shall be maintained under the direction of an officer whose title shall be commissioner of labor and industry, and state factory inspector. He shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, for a term of three years, and shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. He shall have an office in the state capitol. He shall appoint a deputy who shall be clerk of the department, and deputy state factory inspector, and shall hold office during the pleasure of the commissioner; he shall also appoint a stenographer for the department and a woman factory inspector, and may employ special agents and such other assistants as may be required for the work of the department. The special agents and other assistants shall work under the supervision and direction of the commissioner and shall be paid for their services such compensation as he may deem proper, not exceeding five dollars a day and necessary traveling expenses. All expenses of the department shall be audited by the state auditor and shall be payable upon proper vouchers certified by the commissioner.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 117, § 22; relating to salary of commissioner of labor and industry and subordinate officials, amended. Section twenty-two of chapter one hundred and seventeen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the second, third and fourth lines of said section the words "the deputy state factory inspector shall receive an annual salary of eighteen hundred dollars; they"; also by striking out in the fourth, fifth and sixth lines of said section the words "The stenographer in the office of the commissioner of labor and industry and state factory inspector shall receive an annual salary of six hundred dollars"; also by inserting after the words "two thousand dollars" in the second line of said section the following words: 'the commissioner and the deputy state factory inspector', so that, as amended, said section shall read as follows:

'Sec. 22. Provisions fixing salary of subordinate officers eliminated and traveling expenses of commissioner provided for. The commissioner of

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labor and industry and state factory inspector shall receive an annual salary of two thousand dollars; the commissioner and the deputy state factory inspector shall also receive their actual traveling expenses.'

Approved April 4, 1919.

Chapter 232.

An Act Additional to Chapter One Hundred and Forty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Commitment, Observation and Care of Insane Persons.

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

Sec. 1. Commitment of persons of unsound mind for observation. If a person is found by two physicians qualified as examiners in insanity, to be in such mental condition that his commitment to an institution for the insane is necessary for his proper care or observation, he may be committed by any judge or any other officer authorized to commit insane persons to either of the state hospitals for the insane, under such limitations as the judge may direct, pending a determination of his insanity.

Sec. 2. Voluntary patients may be received at state hospitals for insane; release on request. The superintendent in charge of either of the state hospitals to which an insane person may be committed, may receive and detain therein, as a boarder and patient, any person who is desirous of submitting himself to treatment and who makes written application therefor, and whose mental condition in the opinion of the superintendent or physician in charge is such as to render him competent to make the application. Such superintendent shall give immediate notice of the reception of such voluntary patient to the board of state hospital trustees. Such patient shall not be detained for more than ten days after having given notice in writing of his intention or desire of leaving the institution. The charges for support of such a voluntary patient shall be governed by the laws or rules applicable to the support of an insane person in such institution.

Sec. 3. Proceedings as to commitment of patients for temporary observation; removal of patients when treatment unnecessary and formal commitment when necessary; expenses, how met. The superintendent of either of the state hospitals, to which an insane person may be legally committed, may, when requested by a physician, a member of the board of health, a health officer, a police officer of a city or town, receive and care for as a patient in such institution for a period not exceeding fifteen days, any person who needs care and treatment because of his mental condition. Such request for admission of a patient shall be in writing and filed at the institution at the time of the reception of the patient, together with a statement in a form prescribed or approved by the board