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STATE OF MAINE

AT THE

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Chapter 253.

An Act to Increase the Number of Clerks in the Registry of Deeds, in the County of Cumberland, and State of Maine.

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

Cumberland County register of deeds authorized to employ additional clerk. The register of deeds in the County of Cumberland is hereby authorized to employ one additional clerk at a salary not to exceed fifteen dollars a week; said salary to be paid weekly to the clerk so employed, by the county treasurer of Cumberland County.

Approved November 7, 1919.

Chapter 254.

An Act to Repeal Chapter One Hundred and Thirty-five of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen of the State of Maine, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Licensing of the Sardine Packers, to Improve the Quality of Fish Used for Sardines and to Establish Standards of Measures for Sardine Herring."

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

1919, c. 135; relating to the licensing of sardine packers, repealed. Chapter one hundred and thirty-five of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen of the State of Maine, is hereby repealed.

Approved November 7, 1919.

Chapter 255.

An Act to Provide a Bonus for the Heads of State Departments.

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

Bonus to be paid heads of state departments and members of state boards and commissions for years 1919 and 1920. All heads of state departments, or members of state boards and commissions who receive yearly salaries fixed by law and whose salaries have not been increased directly or indirectly by the seventy-ninth legislature shall be paid for each of the years nineteen hundred and nineteen and nineteen hundred and twenty an annual bonus as follows: upon salaries of two thousand dollars or less a bonus of thirty-three and one-third per cent; upon salaries in excess of two thousand dollars and not more than twenty-five hundred dollars, a bonus of thirty per cent; upon salaries in excess of twenty-five hundred dollars and not more than three thousand dollars, a bonus of twenty-five per cent; upon salaries in excess of three thousand dollars and not more than thirty-five hundred dollars, a bonus of twenty per cent; upon salaries in excess of thirty-five hundred dollars and not more than four thousand dollars, a

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bonus of fifteen per cent; and upon salaries in excess of four thousand dollars a bonus of ten per cent. All such bonuses shall be paid from any unexpended balance of any appropriation made for such departments, boards or commissions or from the state contingent fund.

Approved November 7, 1919.

Chapter 256.

An Act to Prevent Profiteering in the Necessities of Life and Rents or Charges for the Occupancy of Buildings for Dwelling Purposes and to Provide Penalties therefor and Investigations thereof.

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

Sec. 1. Penalty prescribed for profiteering in the necessities of life; term "necessities of life" defined. Any dealer, trader, manufacturer or warehouseman who with intent to enhance the price or restrict the supply of the necessities of life wilfully destroys or permits preventable waste in the production, manufacture, storage or distribution of the same, or, with such intent, prevents, limits, lessens or restricts the manufacture, production, supply or distribution of said necessities or hoards said necessities or exacts or demands any unjust or unreasonable profit in the sale, exchange or handling of the said necessities or unreasonably discriminates against any person in the sale of such necessities, or in any way aids or abets the doing of any act hereinbefore mentioned, shall be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or imprisonment for not more than three years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The term "necessities of life" shall include food for human consumption, food for domestic animals, wearing apparel, shoes, building materials, gas and electricity for light, heat and power, fuel of all kinds, fertilizer and fertilizer ingredients, together with tools, utensils, implements, machinery and equipment required for the actual production or manufacture of the same.

Sec. 2. Penalty prescribed for profiteering in rents. Whoever demands or collects an unreasonable or unjust rent or charge, taking into due consideration the actual market value of the property at the time, with a fair return thereon, or imposes an unreasonable or unjust term or condition, for the occupancy of any building or any part thereof, rented or hired for dwelling purposes, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 3. Attorney general to investigate violations; may summon witnesses and require production of books, papers, records, etc.; how expense