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continuing one. The amount to be paid under the provisions of the three preceding sections by the state in any one year, except as herein provided, shall not exceed ten thousand dollars, and said sum shall be annually appropriated. The amounts to be appropriated under the provisions of this section shall be cumulative and any part of said sum of ten thousand dollars not expended during the year for which it is appropriated shall, at the close of said year, be added to the sums subsequently appropriated, and may be expended in any subsequent year or years.'

Approved March 25, 1921.

Chapter 53.

An Act to Prevent the Manufacture and Exhibition of Moving Picture Film Involving in its Preparation Intentional and Deliberate Cruelty to Animals.

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

Sec. 1. Moving picture films not to involve in preparation deliberate cruelty to animals. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly and willfully, as owner, manufacturer, photographer, exhibitor, manager, director or agent or in any other capacity to prepare, manufacture, make, exhibit or participate in the preparation, manufacturing, making or exhibiting of any moving or motion picture film involving in its preparation, manufacture or making, intentional and deliberate cruelty to animals for the sole purpose of furnishing a scene for said moving or motion picture film.

Sec. 2. Penalty for violation. Any person who violates any provision of this act shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding three months or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any corporation violating any such provision shall be responsible for the knowledge and acts of its agents and servants therein and shall be punished by a fine as herein provided, and such corporation and its agent or servant may be punished for the same act.

Sec. 3. Jurisdiction. Municipal and police courts and trial justices shall have jurisdiction of all offenses under this chapter.

Approved March 25, 1921.

Chapter 54.

An Act to Repeal the Act Creating the Office of Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner and to Transfer the Duties of said Office to the Commissioner of Agriculture.

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

Office of live stock sanitary commissioner abolished; duties transferred to commissioner of agriculture; no new division or official

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positions to be created. From and after the date when this act shall take effect, all powers now vested in the live stock sanitary commissioner and all duties and privileges now imposed or conferred upon him by and under existing laws, are hereby transferred to and imposed and conferred upon the commissioner of agriculture, to be exercised by him through such chief of division, deputy, assistant, or other agency, as he may determine with the approval of the governor and council, for the purpose of facilitating and encouraging the live stock interests of the state, and for extirpating all insidious, infectious and contagious diseases, especially tuberculosis, among cattle, horses, sheep and swine. The office of live stock sanitary commissioner is hereby abolished, and the tenure of all employees of said office is hereby terminated. The records of said office shall be transferred by him to the commissioner of agriculture and the rules and regulations promulgated by him and in force on the date when this act shall take effect, shall continue in force until altered or repealed by the commissioner of agriculture in accordance with law. All proceedings then pending before the live stock sanitary commissioner shall be transferred to the jurisdiction of the commissioner of agriculture, who is hereby vested with full authority to carry the same to completion as the live stock sanitary commissioner might have done had it not been for the enactment of this statute. In carrying out the provisions of this act, no new divisions or official positions shall be created within the department of agriculture, except in the employment of such additional clerical assistance as may prove necessary in the discharge of the additional duties imposed upon the department.

Approved March 25, 1921.

Chapter 55.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty of Chapter One Hundred and Forty-four of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapters One Hundred and Thirty and Two Hundred and Thirty-two of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to the Age of Commitment to the State School for Girls.

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

R. S., c. 144, § 20; 1917, c. 130, 232; relating to the commitment of idle or vicious girls to the state school for girls, amended. Section twenty of chapter one hundred and forty-four of the revised statutes as amended by chapter one hundred and thirty of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen and chapter two hundred and thirty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby amended by striking out the words "six and sixteen" in the second line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'nine and seventeen,' so that the same shall read as follows:

'Sec. 20. Age limits increased from six and sixteen to nine and seventeen. A parent or guardian of any girl between the ages of nine