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and seventeen and by chapter one hundred forty-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen is hereby further amended by striking out the words "four thousand" in the second line thereof and by inserting in place thereof the words 'five thousand,' so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 20. Salary of superintendent increased from \$4000 to \$5000 per year. The state superintendent of public schools shall receive an annual salary of five thousand dollars. He shall also receive his actual cash expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties which shall be paid out of such funds as may be provided for that purpose. He shall appoint a deputy, and shall employ such agents as may be authorized by law and such clerical assistance as he may deem necessary and as may be approved by the governor and council for carrying on the work of his office. The deputy state superintendent of public schools and the agents employed by the state superintendent in accordance with the provisions of this section shall receive such salaries as the governor and council may approve within the appropriation made by the legislature and shall also receive their necessary traveling expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.'

Approved April 8, 1921.

Chapter 195.

An Act to Amend Sections Six and Fourteen of Chapter Fifty-nine of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Appointment of Steamboat Inspectors.

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

'Sec. 1. R. S., c. 59, § 6; relating to the appointment of steamboat inspectors, amended. Section six of chapter fifty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the first line thereof the words, "The governor with the advice and consent of the council" and inserting therefor the words, 'The public utilities commission,' and by inserting after the word "removed" in the fifth line of said section the words, 'by said commission'; so that said section, as amended, shall read:

'Sec. 6. Inspector to be appointed by public utilities commission instead of by the governor. The public utilities commission shall appoint two inspectors of steamboats of suitable qualifications, one of whom shall have a practical knowledge of ship-building, and the other, of the construction and use of boilers, engines and their appurtenances; they shall continue in office for five years, unless sooner removed by said commission for good cause, and may be reappointed at the expiration of their term.'

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Sec. 2. R. S., c. 59, § 14; relative to the compliance with the rules and regulations of the steamboat inspectors, investigations in case of accident, penalties, etc., amended. Section fourteen of chapter fifty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the fifteenth line thereof the word "governor" and inserting therefor the words 'public utilities commission'; so that said section, as amended, shall read:

'Sec. 14. In case of accident when caused by violation of any of the rules and regulations of steamboat inspectors, facts shall be certified to public utilities commission, instead of to governor. All vessels described in section five shall comply with all the terms and provisions of sections five to sixteen both inclusive, of this chapter, and with all orders, regulations and requirements of the inspectors; and if any such vessel is navigated without complying therewith, or without the certificate of the inspectors, the owners and master severally forfeit to the state five hundred dollars for each offense, half thereof for the informer, unless otherwise provided, for which sum the vessel so engaged is liable, and may be proceeded against in a qui tam action by attachment commenced within sixty days after the commission of the offense, or said penalty may be recovered by indictment. In case of damage by fire or by explosion of steam or by collision, the inspectors shall forthwith investigate the cause thereof, and if found by them to have been occasioned by a violation of any of the aforesaid provisions, or of the orders, regulations and requirements of said inspectors, they shall so certify to the public utilities commission, and to the county attorney in the county where the offense was committed, together with the names of the parties and witnesses, and prosecution shall forthwith be instituted against all parties liable. But if any such vessel is deprived of the services of any licensed officer, without the consent, fault or collusion of the master, owner or any person interested in the vessel, the deficiency may be temporarily supplied, until another licensed officer can be obtained; provided, however, that if the owners and master of such vessel seasonably notify the inspectors of the expiration of her certificate, and request a new inspection and certificate, and said inspectors fail to make said inspection and issue said certificate, if the vessel is entitled thereto, such owners and master are not liable for any of the penalties provided in this chapter on account of navigating said vessels without a certificate of inspection.'

Sec. 3. Terms of present inspectors not affected. Provided, however, that nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the terms of office of the present steamboat inspectors.

Approved April 7, 1921.