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rected to be paid as provided by this act, either directly by the collection of such tax by the vendor from such consumer, or indirectly by adding the amount of such tax to the price of such fuel and paid by such consumer, shall be reimbursed and repaid to the extent of three-fourths of the amount of such tax paid by him upon presenting to the state auditor an affidavit accompanied by the original invoices showing such purchases, which affidavit shall be verified by the oath of such affiant, and shall state the total amount of such fuel so purchased and used by such consumer other than in motor vehicles operated or intended to be operated upon any of the public highways of the state, and the governor and council, upon the presentation of such affidavit and such vouchers, approved by the state auditor, shall cause to be repaid to such consumer from the taxes collected on internal combustion engine fuels three-fourths of the said taxes so paid by such consumer on fuels purchased and used, other than for motor vehicles as aforesaid; provided, that applications for refunds as provided herein must be filed with the state auditor within six months from the date of purchase of invoice.'

Approved April 16, 1927.

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## Chapter 252.

An Act to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act.

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

**Sec. 1.** P. L., 1919, c. 238, sec. 9; 1921, c. 222; relating to length of incapacitation prior to compensation period under workmen's compensation law, amended. Section nine of chapter two hundred and thirty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen known as the workmen's compensation act, as amended by chapter two hundred and twenty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby further amended by adding at the end of the section the sentence, 'In computing the seven-day waiting period, so-called, the day of the accident shall be counted as one'; so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 9. Day of accident counted in computing time.** No compensation except medical, surgical and hospital services, nursing and medicines, and mechanical surgical aids as provided in section ten of this act shall be paid thereunder during the first seven days after the accident. If incapacity exists at the expiration of seven days, compensation shall begin on the eighth day. If incapacity arises after seven days, compensation shall begin on the date such incapacity begins. In computing the seven-day waiting period, so-called, the day of the accident shall be counted as one.'

Sec. 2. P. L., 1919, c. 238, sec. 13; relating to compensation when employee has no dependents, amended. Section thirteen of said workmen's compensation act is hereby amended by striking out the words "last sickness and" in the fourth and ninth lines thereof; so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 13. Provision to pay expenses of last sickness eliminated. If the employee dies as a result of the injury, leaving no dependents at the time of the injury, the employer shall pay, in addition to any compensation provided for in this act, the reasonable expense of burial, which shall not exceed two hundred dollars. Provided, however, if dependents appear before the commission within one year after the death of the said employee, and prove that they are entitled to compensation as provided for by this act, and such compensation is decreed to be paid to the said dependents, the reasonable expenses of burial as aforesaid shall be deducted from the amount allowed to the said dependents.'

Sec. 3. P. L., 1919, c. 238, secs. 14, 15 and 16; 1925, c. 201, sec. 2; relating to maximum weekly payments in industrial accident cases, amended. Section two of chapter two hundred and one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-five, amending the workmen's compensation act, is hereby corrected by striking out the word "seventeen" in the second line thereof and inserting in place thereof the word 'sixteen'; so that said section, as corrected, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Amended to correct error in reference to sections. Sections fourteen, fifteen and and sixteen of chapter two hundred and thirty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, as amended, are further amended by striking out the word "sixteen" whenever it appears in said section and inserting in place thereof the word 'eighteen.'

Sec. 4. P. L., 1919, c. 238, sec. 29; 1921, c. 222, sec. 9; relating to compensation of members of industrial accident commission, amended. Section twenty-nine of chapter two hundred thirty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen as amended by section nine of chapter two hundred and twenty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby amended by striking out in the first and second lines of the second paragraph thereof the words "three thousand five hundred" and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'four thousand' and by striking out in the second line thereof the words "January first, nineteen hundred and nineteen" and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'at the time this act takes effect,' and by striking out in the fourth line of said paragraph the words, "three thousand," and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'three thousand five hundred,' and by striking out in the fifth line thereof the

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words "one thousand" and substituting therefor the words 'fifteen hundred' and by striking out in the seventh line thereof the words "five hundred" and substituting in lieu thereof the words 'one thousand,' so that said second paragraph of section twenty-nine as amended, shall read as follows:

Salaries of members increased \$500 each. 'The chairman shall receive a salary of four thousand dollars per annum, beginning at the time this act takes effect, and the associate legal member shall receive a salary of three thousand five hundred dollars per annum. The commissioner of labor and industry shall receive the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, in addition to his salary as commissioner of labor and industry. The commissioner of insurance shall receive the sum of one thousand dollars, in addition to his salary as commissioner of insurance. The members of the commission shall also receive their actual, necessary, cash expenses while away from their office on official business of the commission.'

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**Chapter 253.**

An Act Providing Compensation for Court Stenographers Upon Retiring by Reason of Disability.

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

Retirement pay of stenographers of supreme judicial and superior courts. Stenographers of the supreme judicial and superior courts, after having served twenty-five years in either or both courts may, by reason of disability and with the approval of the governor and council, retire, and shall receive from the state such amount as the governor and council may determine, not exceeding twelve hundred dollars per annum to be paid by the treasurer of state in monthly payments.

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**Chapter 254.**

An Act Relating to Increase in Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Deeds of Franklin County.

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

R. S., c. 117, sec. 45; as amended; relating to clerk hire in county offices, further amended. Section forty-five of chapter one hundred and seventeen of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended