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per capita; sixty-one to eighty pupils, sixteen dollars per capita; eighty-one to one hundred pupils, fourteen dollars per capita; one hundred and one to one hundred and fifty pupils, twelve dollars per capita; one hundred and fifty-one to two hundred pupils, ten dollars per capita; over two hundred pupils, eight dollars per capita. Provided, when a slight increase in attendance would cause an institution to receive a reduced amount, the commissioner of education shall have authority to make an adjustment. In addition to the sums required for distribution on the above provision, the commissioner of education shall issue such amounts and to such institutions as may be directed by the legislature, but in no case shall the amounts distributed to the academies of the state, automatically or by resolve, exceed the amount provided herein, and there shall be and hereby is appropriated annually one hundred five thousand dollars to be deducted from the state school fund. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of education to furnish to the education committee of the legislature biennially and at such times as they may require a statement of the sums necessary for distribution under the provisions of this act so that the legislature may know the amount available as an adjustment fund within the sum provided. Provided, the restrictions of sections one hundred, one hundred and one, one hundred and two and one hundred and three of this act shall not apply to the distribution of the per capita allowances or the adjustment fund; provided, further, no academy which was not recognized for state aid in nineteen hundred and twenty-eight shall be eligible to share in the per capita allowance. Institutions having incomes of over twenty-five hundred dollars from invested funds shall not receive per capita allowance but may share in the adjustment fund.'

Approved April 13, 1929.

Chapter 319.

An Act Relating to Interest Charged by Small Loan Agencies.

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

P. L., 1917, c. 298, sec. 8; relating to amount of loan and rate of interest, amended. Section eight of chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out in the fifth line thereof, after the word "exceed" the words "three and one-half per centum per month," and insert in place thereof the words 'three per centum per month,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 8. Interest rate decreased. Every person, copartnership and corporation licensed hereunder may loan any sum of money, goods or choses

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in action not exceeding in amount or value the sum of three hundred dollars, and may charge, contract for and receive thereon interest at a rate not to exceed three per centum per month. No person shall owe any licensee at any time more than three hundred dollars for principal.'

Approved April 13, 1929.

Chapter 320.

An Act Amendatory of, and Additional to Existing Legislation Relating to the State Park, and to the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 2, sec. 22; relating to state park, amended. Section twenty-two of chapter two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "supervision" in the fourth line thereof the word 'direction'; by changing the word "three" in said line to 'four'; and by inserting after the word "persons" in the fifth line the words 'one of whom shall be the superintendent of public buildings, ex-officio, the other three to be'; also, by adding at the end of said section the following: "The expenditure of all moneys so received, and of all legislative appropriations, or funds from any other source, for the maintenance or improvement of said park, or for the erection or preservation of any monuments or structures of any description thereon, shall be under the direction of said commission, whose income and expenditures shall be audited in the manner now provided by law. If, at any time, in the course of their duties, said commission shall be equally divided, for and against any proposition, and unable to agree, the matter shall be referred to the governor and council, whose decision thereon, after hearing, shall be final. All equipment of the state in charge of the superintendent of public buildings which is adapted for use on said park shall be available, free of charge, to said commission;" so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 22. Expenditure of money under direction of commission; when divided in opinion; equipment of state available. All that portion of the state lands situate in the city of Augusta and lying between State street on the west and the location of the Maine Central Railroad Company on the east, shall be maintained as a public park under the supervision, direction and control of a commission of four persons, one of whom shall be the superintendent of public buildings, ex-officio, the other three to be appointed by the governor for terms of four years. They shall serve without compensation. One of said commissioners shall be a resident of the city of Augusta, recommended to the governor for appointment by the city council of said city. They may receive moneys by gift or legacy and shall hold the same as trustees for the purposes stated in this section.