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and Canadian lynx, amended. Section seventy-seven of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out, in the sixth line of the last paragraph thereof, the words "the appropriation for bounties on bobcat, loup-cervier or Canada lynx" and by inserting in place thereof the following: 'fines and penalties recovered and money received, or collected under any provision of the inland fish and game laws, or amendment thereof, or for sale of seized fish or game, or fur-bearing animals, or parts thereof. After the foregoing appropriation has been exhausted, any further bounties shall be paid from the general appropriation of the department of inland fisheries and game.' So that the last paragraph of said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Upon receipt by the state auditor of a certificate from the commissioner showing that said commissioner has received the tail of the bobcat, loup-cervier or Canada lynx from the treasurer sent as aforesaid, together with said treasurer's certificate, said state auditor shall audit the claim for bounty and the same shall be paid forthwith by the treasurer of state to the claimant from fines and penalties recovered and money received, or collected under any provision of the inland fish or game laws, or amendment thereof, or for sale of seized fish or game, or fur-bearing animals, or parts thereof. After the foregoing appropriation has been exhausted, any further bounties shall be paid from the general appropriation of the department of inland fisheries and game. The town treasurer for administering the oath to a claimant's certificate as above, and for forwarding the same with the tail of the animal to the commissioner shall be paid by the claimant the sum of twenty-five cents.'

Approved April 1, 1931.

## Chapter 143.

AN ACT Relating to Commitment to the Hospitals by Municipal Officers.

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

R. S., c. 155, sec. 17; relating to commitment to hospitals by municipal officers, amended. Section seventeen of chapter one hundred fifty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section following the word "examination" in the sixteenth line thereof and adding the following: 'together with a statement of facts under oath satisfactory to the trustees in regard to the financial ability of such patient, or of any of his relatives legally liable to pay for his support, and directing the superintendent to receive and detain him until he is restored or discharged by law, or by the superintendent or trustees. Pending the issue of such

certificate by the municipal officers such superintendent may receive into his hospital any person so alleged on complaint to be insane, provided such person be accompanied by a copy of the complaint and physicians' certificate, which certificate shall set forth that in the judgment of the physicians the condition of said person is such that immediate restraint or detention is necessary for his comfort and safety or the safety of others, and provided further that unless within ten days thereafter said superintendent shall be furnished with the certificate hereinbefore provided for the said city or town shall be liable to the hospital for the full support of such patient until such certificate of commitment is furnished. Said municipal officers shall keep a record of their doings, and furnish a copy to any interested person requesting and paying for it', so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

**'Sec. 17. Municipal officers may commit to the hospital.** Insane persons, not thus sent to any hospital shall be subject to examination as hereinafter provided. The municipal officers of towns shall constitute a board of examiners, and on complaint in writing of any blood relative, husband, or wife of said alleged insane person, or of any justice of the peace, they shall immediately inquire into the condition of any person in said town alleged to be insane; shall appoint a time and place for hearing by them of the allegations of said complaint and shall cause to be given in hand to the person so alleged to be insane at least twenty-four hours prior to the time of said hearing, a true copy of said complaint, together with a notice of the time and place of said hearing and that he has the right and will be given the opportunity then and there to be heard in the matter; shall call before them all testimony necessary for a full understanding of the case; and if they think such person insane and that his comfort and safety or that of others interested, will thereby be promoted, they shall forthwith send him to one of the insane hospitals with a certificate stating the fact of his insanity, and the town in which he resided or was found at the time of the examination, together with a statement of facts under oath satisfactory to the trustees in regard to the financial ability of such patient, or of any of his relatives legally liable to pay for his support, and directing the superintendent to receive and detain him until he is restored or discharged by law, or by the superintendent or trustees. Pending the issue of such certificate by the municipal officers such superintendent may receive into his hospital any person so alleged on complaint to be insane, provided such person be accompanied by a copy of the complaint and physicians' certificate, which certificate shall set forth that in the judgment of the physicians the condition of said person is such that immediate restraint or detention is necessary for his comfort and safety or the safety of others,

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and provided further that unless within ten days thereafter said superintendent shall be furnished with the certificate hereinbefore provided for, the said city or town shall be liable to the hospital for the full support of such patient until such certificate of commitment is furnished. Said municipal officer shall keep a record of their doings, and furnish a copy to any interested person requesting and paying for it.'

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## Chapter 144.

### AN ACT Regulating Employment of Females.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 54, sec. 21; relating to hours of labor of females, amended.** Section twenty-one of chapter fifty-four is hereby amended by striking out in line two thereof after the word "establishment" the words "or laundry", so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 21. Females not to be employed more than nine hours a day; minors under sixteen years of age not to be employed more than eight hours a day; exceptions.** No female shall be employed in any workshop, factory, manufacturing or mechanical establishment more than nine hours in any one day; except when a different apportionment of the hours of labor is made for the sole purpose of making a shorter day's work for one day of the week; and in no case shall the hours of labor exceed fifty-four in a week. And no minor under sixteen years of age shall be employed in any of the said establishments or occupations more than eight hours in any one day.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 54, sec. 23; relating to hours of labor of minors and females, amended.** Section twenty-three of chapter fifty-four is hereby amended by adding after the word "restaurant" in line four thereof the word 'laundry', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 23. Minors under sixteen and females not to be employed more than fifty-four hours in any one week; exceptions.** No male minor under sixteen years of age and no female shall be employed in any telephone exchange employing more than three operators or in any mercantile establishment, store, restaurant, laundry, telegraph office, or by any express or transportation company in the state of Maine more than fifty-four hours in any one week. The provisions of this section shall not apply between the seventeenth day of December and the twenty-fourth day of December both inclusive, and shall not apply during the eight days prior