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said municipal officers fail to certify such fact, as required herein, the city or town making such commitment shall be liable for the support of said person until such certificate is furnished', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 20. When city or town making commitment shall be liable. The officers ordering the commitment of a person unable to pay for his support, or becoming unable to pay for his support after commitment, or their successors or any officer with like power to commit, shall in writing certify that fact to the trustees and that he has no relatives liable and of sufficient ability to pay for his support, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence in the first instance to charge the town where the insane resided or was found at the time of his arrest for the expenses of his examination and commitment, and to charge the state for the expenses of his support in the hospital, and the treasurer of the hospital shall charge to the state the reasonable expense of his support which shall be paid from the state treasury upon itemized bills therefor audited by the state auditor and approved by the governor and council.

If the inability to pay for support exists at the time of the commitment and said municipal officers fail to certify such fact, as required herein, the city or town making such commitment shall be liable for the support of said person until such certificate is furnished.'

Approved April 2, 1931.

Chapter 201.

AN ACT Providing for the Enlistment of Members of the State Highway Police.

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

R. S., c. 29, sec. 122; relative to state highway police, amended. Section one hundred twenty-two of chapter twenty-nine of the revised statutes is amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the following, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 122. Appointment of the chief of the state highway police; duties; may enlist members of the force; terms and conditions of enlistment; deputy chief. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a chief of the state highway police, to serve during their pleasure. The chief shall be the executive head of the state highway police and shall execute the duties of his office under the direction and subject to the approval of the governor and council. The chief of the state highway

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police may enlist suitable persons as members of the state highway police to enforce the provisions of this act, who shall enlist for a period of three years: (a) during the first six months of the first enlistment a member will be on probation and may be summarily discharged by the chief without hearing; (b) a qualified and accepted recruit will take the oath to be prescribed by regulations of the department and such oath shall be set out in the enlistment paper. Each accepted recruit shall sign such paper and expressly agree to abide by and be subject to all the conditions and obligations therein set forth; (c) after the first six months of the first enlistment period members may be discharged only after trial before a trial court to be designated by the chief of the said state highway police; (d) members may be discharged on their own request if deemed consistent with the good of the service by the chief; (e) voluntary withdrawal from the force during the term of enlistment or reenlistment without the consent of the chief shall constitute a misdemeanor; (f) the chief shall make rules and regulations subject to the approval of the governor and council for the discipline and control of members of the state highway police and for the examination and qualification of applicants for enlistment therein and violation of any rules and regulations, approved as aforesaid, by any member of the state highway police shall constitute a misdemeanor. Subject to the approval of the governor and council, the chief may designate a member of the state highway police to act as his deputy.'

Approved April 2, 1931.

Chapter 202.

AN ACT Relating to Pre-bid Qualifications for State Contracts.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 28, sec. 11; relating to pre-bid qualifications, amended. Section eleven of chapter twenty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the twelfth line thereof the words "or surety bond", and by striking out in the thirteenth line thereof the words "for ten per cent of the amount of his bid as a", and by inserting after the word "state" in the thirteenth line of said section the following words: 'for an amount which the commission considers sufficient to', and by striking out in the fifteenth line the words "or surety bonds" and by striking out in the sixteenth line the words "or bond", so that the third and fourth sentences of said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Each bidder must accompany his bid with a certified check, payable to the treasurer of state for an amount which the commission considers