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As Passed by the Ninetieth Legislature

1941

Chapter 79

AN ACT Relating to Licenses of Insurance Companies.

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

R. S., c. 60, § 108, amended. Section 108 of chapter 60 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 108. Licenses to such companies. When such foreign insurance company shall have complied with the foregoing provisions, and the insurance commissioner is satisfied that it is solvent in the United States, he may issue to it a license to transact business in this state and may, **except as hereinafter provided**, renew the licenses of the company and agents on the 1st day of July, annually, so long as he finds the company solvent. The insurance commissioner shall not refuse to renew the license of any foreign insurance company doing business in this state unless the commissioner shall have, on or before the 1st day of June, notified said company in writing by registered mail, at its principal office in the United States, of his intention not to renew its license, together with a detailed statement of his reasons therefor.

If, upon application by said company, the commissioner shall refuse for 5 days to countermand such notice of intention not to renew said license, said company shall have the right of appeal in the same manner and effect as is provided in section 116 of this chapter. Upon appeal said justice may, after hearing, make an order continuing the right of said company to do business in this state until final decision. If the decision of the justice reverses the decision of the commissioner, the commissioner shall, forthwith, issue the license.'

Approved March 14, 1941

Chapter 80

AN ACT Relating to the Appointment of Health Officers.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, under the present interpretation of the law there is a doubt about the qualifications of health officers, which prevents the appointments of health officers in several towns in the state; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution

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and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 87, amended. Section 87 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933, as amended by section 6 of chapter 84 of the public laws of 1935, is hereby further amended by adding at the end of the 1st sentence thereof the following sentence:

'The local health officer may be a resident of the city, town or plantation or a resident of any contiguous city, town or plantation.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 14, 1941

Chapter 81

AN ACT Relating to Enforcement Support Decrees.

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

R. S., c. 73, § 9-A, amended. Section 9-A of chapter 73 of the revised statutes, which was created by chapter 155 of the public laws of 1937 and amended by chapter 91 of the public laws of 1939, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 9-A. Payment of alimony. Pending a petition to enforce a decree of alimony or a decree for payment of money instead thereof or for the support of minor children or a decree for support pending libel, the court may order the husband or father to pay to the clerk of the court, or to counsel for the wife, or mother, sufficient money for the prosecution thereof, upon default of which order execution may issue as in actions of tort. When the husband, or father, is committed to jail on execution issued upon decree of alimony, or for payment of money instead thereof, or for the support of his minor children or for support pending libel, the county having jurisdiction of the process shall bear the expense of his support and he may be discharged from imprisonment by payment of the execution and all costs and expenses of his commitment and support and he shall not be entitled to relief therefrom under the provisions of chapter 124 of the revised statutes; provided, however, that he may petition the court issuing such execution for relief, whereupon a judge of such court after due notice to the wife or mother, and hearing thereon may order his discharge from imprisonment on such terms and conditions as justice may require.'

Approved March 14, 1941