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ACTS AND RESOLVES
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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
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for all the inhabitants of the town or city, under such restrictions and regulations as shall insure the safety and good usage of the books; and such library shall then be considered a free public library within the meaning of this chapter and said town or city shall be entitled to the benefits of the preceding section, provided that any books and documents purchased with said stipend, and all books and documents donated by the state, shall be and remain the property of said municipality.

Sec. 27. Duty to keep custody of public documents furnished by state librarian; duty to report list of books purchased with state stipend. In every town and city where a free public library exists, the librarian of the state library shall transmit to such library all laws, Maine reports, and other documents which the town or city is by law entitled to receive from the state, except as provided in sections 16 and 17, and the same shall be constantly kept in such library for the use and benefit of all the citizens; and the officers of said library, on or before the 1st day of May of each year, shall send to the librarian of the state library a report containing a list of all books and documents purchased with the state stipend for the preceding year and of all books and documents received from the state in said library. The aid from the state, provided by section 25 of this chapter, shall be withheld from any city, town, or village corporation until the report herein required to be made on or before the 1st day of May of each year shall have been received by the librarian of the state library; and the same shall also be withheld unless said report shall show that the laws, Maine reports, and other documents furnished to said town or city by the state are kept in said library as required by this section.

Sec. 28. Books may be donated to towns to assist in foundation of library. The Maine state library shall donate to any town having no free public library owned or controlled by the town books purchased for that purpose not exceeding 50% in value of the books and documents purchased by said town for the purpose of founding a free public library therein; said donation in no case to exceed \$100 unless, in the judgment of the librarian, it would be to the advantage of the library to receive the amount in some other form.'

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 334

AN ACT Relating to Mutual Fire Insurance Companies.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 60, § 34, amended. Section 34 of chapter 60 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

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'Sec. 34. Indorsements on policies. Every such company shall cause to be printed or written on the outside of every policy that it issues, under the number, name of the insured assured, and date of the expiration, the words, "Total liability to assessment", and the figures showing such liability, except non-assessable policies.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 60, § 36, amended. Section 36 of chapter 60 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

'Provided, however, that a domestic mutual fire insurance company from and after the effective date of this act may issue non-assessable advance cash premium policies in this state upon compliance with either of the following requirements, notwithstanding the provisions of any special law or charter previously enacted by the legislature.

(a) It shall have and maintain a surplus to policyholders, as determined by its latest annual statement filed with the state insurance department, of not less than \$100,000, or

(b) It shall have and maintain a surplus to policyholders, as determined by its latest annual statement filed with the state insurance department, of not less than \$75,000, provided its unearned premium reserve is at all times less than its surplus to policyholders.

If such a company, after qualifying to issue a non-assessable advance cash premium policy, shall fail to maintain one of the above requirements it shall cease to issue a non-assessable policy until it has again met and maintained the above requirements for a period of 1 year. If such a company issues both assessable and non-assessable advance cash premium policies, any assessment levied under the contingent liability provisions of this chapter shall be for the exclusive benefit of holders of policies subject to assessment and such policyholders shall not be liable to an assessment in an amount greater in proportion to the total deficiency than the ratio that the deficiency attributable to the assessable business bears to the total deficiency.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 60, § 104, amended. Section 104 of chapter 60 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

'After the effective date of this act any foreign mutual fire insurance company admitted to do business in this state in accordance with the requirements of this chapter shall be allowed to write a non-assessable policy if its cash surplus to policyholders is kept and maintained in excess of \$200,000, as determined by the insurance commissioner in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. If such a company, after qualifying to issue non-assessable policies, shall fail to maintain such a surplus it shall cease

to issue a non-assessable policy until it has again met and maintained such a surplus for a period of 1 year.'

Sec. 4. Interpretation of act. This act shall not be construed as limiting any existing rights of any mutual companies, other than mutual fire insurance companies, to issue non-assessable policies.

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 335

AN ACT Relating to Tuition for State Wards.

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

Tuition for state wards. Towns which do not maintain or support a secondary school shall be reimbursed by the department of health and welfare for the amounts expended by them for secondary tuition of state wards residing in such towns.

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 336

AN ACT Relating to Fingerprinting of Pupils in Public Schools.

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

Sec. 1. Pupils in schools receiving state funds, and others, to be fingerprinted. All children in the state attending public schools, or their equivalent, shall be fingerprinted for civilian identification under the supervision of the commissioner of education and the state bureau of identification. On and after October 1, 1946 it shall be a requirement of matriculation in schools receiving state funds.

Sec. 2. Governor and council to authorize. The law enforcement agencies of the state, upon request of the governor and council shall have the authority to take, or cause to be taken, and shall take or cause to be taken the fingerprints of the persons enumerated in section 1 hereof, and any persons who shall request their fingerprints to be taken for civilian identification.

Sec. 3. Appropriation clause. Such funds as are necessary for the execution of this act, in the opinion of the governor and council, are hereby appropriated from the general funds of the state.

Effective July 9, 1943