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## CHAP. 346

as an "Emergency Fire Fighting Fund" and who may expend therefrom for fire fighting purposes of an emergency nature. He shall make to the state controller accountings as necessary, but in any event monthly, of such expenditures and thereupon the state controller shall, upon audit, promptly reimburse therefor so that said petty cash advance shall be always available to the forest commissioner as above provided. ~~The accounts of the commissioner of the disbursement of all funds shall be examined by the state auditor for the purpose of determining if said accounts are correctly kept and all payments properly vouched for.~~ Except as above provided, the expenditures of forestry district funds shall be in accordance with the provisions of chapter 216 of the public laws of 1931. The provisions of said chapter 216 shall, however, not otherwise apply to said forestry district. The forest commissioner may employ from time to time such clerks in his office as will enable him to ~~pay promptly all bills contracted in carrying~~ carry out the provisions hereof and the compensation of such clerks shall be paid from the funds provided for the district.'

Effective July 9, 1943

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## Chapter 346

### AN ACT Relating to Conscious Suffering Preceding Death.

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

R. S., c. 101, additional. Chapter 101 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered section 10-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 10-A. Conscious suffering preceding death. Whenever death ensues following a period of conscious suffering, as a result of personal injuries due to the wrongful act, neglect or default of any person, the person who caused the personal injuries resulting in such conscious suffering and death, shall, in addition to the action at common law and damages recoverable therein, be liable in damages in a separate count in the same action for such death, brought, commenced and determined and subject to the same limitation as to the amount recoverable for such death and exclusively for the beneficiaries in the manner set forth in the preceding section, separately found, but in such cases there shall be only one recovery for the same injury.'

Effective July 9, 1943