

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES
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OF THE
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dollars per annum. The members of the commission shall also receive their actual, necessary, cash expenses while away from their office on official business of the commission.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 125, § 33, amended. The 2nd and 3rd sentences of section 33 of chapter 125 of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

'The commissioner of labor and industry, in addition to his salary as such, shall receive for his services as a member of the commission ~~two thousand dollars~~ \$1,000 annually. ~~The commissioner of insurance, for his services as a member of the commission, shall receive the additional sum of fifteen hundred dollars annually.~~ The members of the commission shall also receive their actual, necessary, cash expenses while away from their office on official business of the commission.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 125, § 20, amended. Section 20 of chapter 125 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 20. The department of labor and industry. The commissioner of labor and industry and state factory inspector shall receive an annual salary of ~~two thousand dollars~~ \$3,000; the commissioner and the deputy state factory inspector shall also receive their actual traveling expenses.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 125, § 16, amended. Section 16 of chapter 125 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 16. The insurance department. The insurance commissioner shall receive an annual salary of ~~two thousand five hundred dollars~~ \$4,500.'

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 357

AN ACT Defining the General Highway Fund.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the finances of the state are such as to require an immediate program of strictest economy in the management of all its affairs; and

Whereas, it is immediately necessary in accordance with the foregoing to determine the program for highway construction to be henceforth pursued so that available funds may be used to the greatest advantage and be most wisely and economically expended; and

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

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tion of Maine 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:

Sec. 1. General highway fund defined. To provide funds for the construction of state, state aid and 3rd class highways, for the maintenance of state and state aid highways, and interstate, intrastate and international bridges, and for other items of expenditure hereinafter specified, there is hereby established a fund to be known as the general highway fund. This fund shall include all fees received from the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of operators thereof, the receipts from the tax on internal combustion engine fuels, all fines, forfeitures and costs accruing to the state under section 118 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 189 of the public laws of 1931, and all sums received on account of the state highway commission for permits to open highways, or from other sources, the disposition of which is not otherwise designated by law. After payment from said general highway fund of such sums for interest and retirement as are necessary to meet the provisions of bond issues for state highway and bridge construction, the remainder of said fund shall be segregated, apportioned, and expended as provided by the legislature.

Sec. 2. Unexpended balances non-lapsing, non-transferable; exceptions. Such unexpended balances of the general highway fund as have been set up for general construction and maintenance of highways and bridges, shall be deemed non-lapsing carrying accounts. All other unexpended balances shall lapse into the general highway fund at the end of each fiscal period, but shall not lapse or be transferred to the general funds in the treasury.

Transfers from one account of the general highway fund to another account thereof shall be made only with the approval of the governor and council, but in no case shall any permanent transfer be made except for purposes specifically provided for by appropriate legislative acts for the expenditures of the general highway fund.

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

Effective April 9, 1943