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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
Ninety-first and Ninety-second
Legislatures
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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abide by the decision of the board to which it is submitted, said board shall investigate such controversy and ascertain which party is mainly responsible or blame-worthy for the existence of the same, and the board may make and publish a report finding such cause and assigning such responsibility or blame. The state board shall, upon request of the governor, investigate and report upon any controversy if in his opinion it threatens to affect the public welfare.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 25, § 12, amended. Section 12 of chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 12. Board may make inquiry into cause of controversy, hear parties and make written decision; effect of decision. In any such controversy where not less than 10 employees are directly concerned the board shall, upon application as hereinafter provided, and as soon as practicable, visit the place where the controversy exists and make careful inquiry into its cause, and the board may, with the consent of the governor, conduct such inquiry beyond the limits of the state. The board shall hear all persons interested who come before it, advise the respective parties what ought to be done or submitted to by either or both to adjust said controversy, and make a written decision thereof, which shall at once be made public, shall be open to public inspection, and shall be recorded by the secretary of the board; said decision shall for 6 months be binding on the parties who join in the ~~application~~ agreement as specified in section 11 or until the expiration of 60 days after either party has given notice to the other in writing of his ~~intention~~ decision not to be bound thereby; such notice may be given to the employees by posting it in 3 conspicuous places in the shop, factory, yard, or other place where they work.'

Effective July 21, 1945

Chapter 283

AN ACT Relating to Tax on Street Railroad Corporations and Street Railways.

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

R. S., c. 14, § 116, amended. Section 116 of chapter 14 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

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'The provisions of this section shall not apply to street railways operating not more than 5 miles of road, and such railways shall be subject to an annual excise tax of \$200.'

Effective July 21, 1945

Chapter 284

AN ACT Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Payment of Benefits.

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

R. S., c. 24, § 3, sub-§§ (d), (e), repealed and replaced. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 3 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'(d) Amount of benefits may be increased in certain cases. If the commission finds, after reasonable notice and hearing, that benefit payments at the amounts described in sections 3 (b) and (c) are in the aggregate such an amount as will permit an increase in benefit payments without imperiling the solvency of the unemployment compensation fund, the commission shall by regulation increase the amounts set forth in columns (C) and/or (D) in section 3 (b) by not to exceed twenty percent. If at any time the commission finds, after reasonable notice and hearing, that benefit payments in effect at the time are in the aggregate such an amount as to imperil the solvency of the unemployment compensation fund, the commission shall, by regulation, reduce such benefit amounts by not to exceed twenty percent of the amounts set forth in columns (C) and/or (D) of section 3 (b).'

Effective July 21, 1945

Chapter 285

AN ACT Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Benefits.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, benefit payments under the Unemployment Compensation Law are made weekly, and

Whereas, the fiscal year begins April 1st and it would alleviate a great deal of difficulty and expense by passing this legislation as an emergency measure; and