

### ACTS AND RESOLVES

#### AS PASSED BY THE

# Ninety-second and Ninety-third Legislatures

#### OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE

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## PUBLIC LAWS

### **OF** THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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### 1947

#### TIME LIMIT FOR ADJUSTING AND PAYING FIRE LOSSES (125 PUBLIC, 1947 CHAP: 32

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 14, § 73, amended. Section 73 of chapter 14 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 41 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby: further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 73. May abate tax when property has been doubly taxed. Whenever it appears to the state tax assessor that any parcel of property in the state has been doubly taxed in any year, and it appears by the records that a moiety of such tax has been paid, the state tax assessor may, subject to the approval of the governor and council, abate the balance remaining unpaid, and said tax or taxes shall be canceled upon the books of the state.'

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AN ACT Relating to Time Limit for Adjusting and Paying Fire Losses. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**R. S., c. 56,** § 103, amended. Section 103 of chapter 56 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_Sec. 103. Relating to time limit for adjusting and paying fire losses; penalty. In case of physical loss by fire to property insured by any company transacting insurance business in this state, said company or its representative shall begin adjustment of such loss within 20 days after the receipt of the notice provided for by section 97; but no fire insurance company shall pay any loss or damage until after the expiration of 45 days from the date when the statement of loss referred to in said section 97 is filed with the company; provided that nothing contained in this section shall prevent the payment of a loss to any property owner when the aggregate loss under all policies covering the risk does not exceed \$100; provided also that upon application from an insurance company or its authorized representative, written permission to make earlier payment on any loss may be given said company or its authorized representative by the commissioner, and immediately upon issuance of such permit, the commissioner shall notify and grant permits to any other companies known to be interested in the risk. For any violation of the provisions of this section the commissioner may suspend the authority of the company to transact business in this state for such length of time, not exceeding I year, as he may deem advisable. In any statute relating to fire insurance or in any policy of fire insurance reference to the date of loss or the time when a loss occurs shall mean the day of the fire against which the policy insures.'

Effective August 13, 1947