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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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as necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 142, 143, 144, 146, 147, 149 and 155 shall be paid out of such sums as may be appropriated by the legislature and credited to the unorganized territory school fund.

IV. Any unexpended balance in the unorganized territory school fund shall be carried forward and shall not lapse into the unappropriated surplus account.'

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 261

AN ACT Designating Silicosis as an Occupational Disease.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 26, § 69, amended. Section 69 of chapter 26 of the revised statutes, as enacted by chapter 338 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

- '14. Silicosis or its sequelae. 14. Any process involving direct exposure to silicon dioxide particles.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 26, §§ 69-A, 69-B, additional. Chapter 26 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered sections 69-A and 69-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 69-A. Special provisions relating to silicosis. In the absence of conclusive evidence in favor of the claim, disability or death from silicosis shall be presumed not to be due to the nature of any occupation, unless during the 10 years immediately preceding the date of disability the employee has been exposed to the inhalation of silica dust over a period of not less than 5 years, 2 years of which shall have been in this state, under a contract of employment existing in this state; provided, however, that if the employee shall have been employed by the same employer during the whole of such 5-year period, his right to compensation against such employer shall not be affected by the fact that he had been employed during any part of such period outside of this state. No compensation shall be payable for partial incapacity due to silicosis. The compensation payable in any such case shall be limited to a period not to exceed the average life expectancy of a person of the age and sex of the deceased. In the event of disability from silicosis the employer shall provide reasonable medical treatment not to exceed \$1,000 in amount.

Sec. 69-B. Addition of new occupational diseases not retroactive. When silicosis and any other new occupational disease is added to the list of compensable occupational diseases, the occupational disease law, including sections 58 and 65, shall apply thereto as if effective as of the effective date of the law making such addition.'

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 262

AN ACT Relating to Barbers, Hairdressing and Beauty Culture.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 211, sub-§ III, amended. Subsection III of section 211 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'III. Who has satisfactorily completed a course of instruction in a school of barbering approved by said board, or in lieu thereof has had a total experience in the practice of barbering or as an apprentice of 2,500 hours distributed over a period of at least 18 months.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 212, sub-§ III, amended. Subsection III of section 212 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'III. Who has satisfactorily completed a course of instruction in a school of hairdressing and beauty culture approved by said board, or in lieu thereof has had a total experience in the practice of hairdressing and beauty culture or as an apprentice of 2,500 hours distributed over a period of at least 18 months;'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 214, amended. The 1st sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 214 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'No school of hairdressing and beauty culture shall be approved by said board until it shall attach to its staff a physician duly licensed to practice medicine in the state where the school is located, and familiar with the installation and use of electrical appliances adapted to hairdressing and beauty culture, nor unless it has a minimum requirement of a continuous course of study of 1,500 hours distributed over a term of not less than 9 months, including practical demonstrations, written or oral tests and theoretical and practical instruction in sanitation, sterilization, and the use of an-