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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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in Piscataquis county, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Piscataquis, ~~\$1,600~~ \$2,000.'

Sec. 10. Effective date. The provisions of this act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1953.

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 270

AN ACT to Repeal the Liquor Research Commission Law and Provide that the Department of Health and Welfare Assume Certain Responsibilities Relating to Alcoholism.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 73-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 73-A, to read as follows:

'Alcoholism

Sec. 73-A. Alcoholism. Alcoholism is declared to be an acute problem requiring such efforts as may reasonably be made in the treatment thereof. The department is authorized to take such action as it may deem necessary to assist in bringing about the reduction in alcoholism.'

Sec. 1-A. R. S., c. 22, § 73-B, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 73-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 73-B. Advisory committee. The governor with the advice and consent of the council shall appoint an advisory committee to advise and consult with the department of health and welfare in carrying out the administration of section 73-A. The committee shall consist of 7 members and shall include the commissioner of health and welfare ex officio. The chairman shall be appointed by the governor. Each member shall hold office for a term of 3 years, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term, and the terms of office of the members first taking office shall expire as designated at the time of appointment, 3 at the end of the 1st year, 3 at the end of the 2nd

year, and one at the end of the 3rd year, after the date of appointment. Committee members, while serving on business of the committee shall receive no compensation but shall be entitled to receive actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses while so serving away from their places of residence. The committee shall meet as frequently as the chairman deems necessary but not less than once each year.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1951, c. 218, repealed. Chapter 218 of the private and special laws of 1951 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. Funds lapse. The sum of \$24,300.15 as of December 31, 1952, which is the balance of the appropriation made by the provisions of section 4 of chapter 218 of the private and special laws of 1951, shall lapse to the general fund.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and welfare to carry out the purposes of this act, the following: for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, the sum of \$9,000 from the general fund; and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, the sum of \$9,000 from the general fund.

Effective August 8, 1953

Chapter 271

AN ACT Relating to Salaries of County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney of Penobscot County.

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

R. S., c. 79, § 130, amended. That part of section 130 of chapter 79 of the revised statutes, as amended, which relates to the salary of county attorney and assistant county attorney of Penobscot county, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Penobscot, ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,000; assistant county attorney, ~~\$1,500~~ \$2,000.'

Effective August 8, 1953