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Chapter 1

AN ACT Relating to Payment of Salaries of Members of the Legislature.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after the Legislature has adjourned; and

Whereas, existing legal limitations require that salary payments to the members of the Legislature be pro-rated at monthly intervals; and

Whereas, such deferred salary payments constitute an unnecessary hardship on members of the Legislature in discharging necessary financial obligations accruing as a result of legislative attendance; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution 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. R. S., c. 10, § 2, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 2 of chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 478 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive \$1,250 for the regular session of the Legislature, and shall be paid for travel at each

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legislative session once each week at the rate of 5c per mile to and from his place of abode, the mileage to be determined by the most reasonable direct route. He is entitled to mileage on the first day of the session, and ~~\$100 of his salary on the first day of each month thereafter~~ such amounts of his salary and at such times as the Legislature may determine during the session, and the balance at the end thereof; ~~but \$2.~~ Two dollars shall be deducted from the pay of every member for each day that he is absent from his duties, without being excused by the House to which he belongs.'

Sec. 2. Effective date. The provisions of this act shall be retroactive to the first Wednesday of January, 1957.

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

Effective February 6, 1957

Chapter 2

AN ACT Relating to Registration of Fire Department Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 22, § 13, amended. The 5th paragraph from the end of section 13 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 100 of the public laws of 1955 and by chapter 184 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'All motor vehicles owned and used by the State, any municipal corporation therein and all vehicles owned by an organized volunteer fire department and used exclusively for fire fighting purposes, and all motor vehicles loaned by automobile dealers to municipalities for use in driver education in the secondary schools shall be registered, but shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter as to payment of registration fees, except that when such vehicles are leased or rented for commercial purposes they shall be subject to payment of the fees as provided in this chapter ~~but all.~~ All such vehicles shall display registration plates as required by this chapter or approved by the Secretary of State. ~~Provided, however, that all~~ All motor vehicles and trailers owned by the State and under the supervision of the State Highway Commission and all vehicles owned by a municipal fire department or an organized volunteer fire department shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter as to registration and payment of registration fees. Such motor vehicles and trailers shall display a marker or insignia approved by the Secretary of State.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 3

AN ACT Relating to Duties of Assistant County Attorney in Waiver of Indictment.

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

R. S., c. 147, § 33, amended. The 2nd, 3rd and 6th paragraphs of section 33 of chapter 147 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 187 of the public laws of 1955, are hereby amended to read as follows: