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Chapter 120

AN ACT Relating to Terms of Office of the Aeronautics Commission.

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

R. S., c. 24, § 4, amended. Section 4 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 4. **Aeronautics Commission; appointment; terms.** The Aeronautics Commission, as heretofore established, shall consist of 5 persons who shall be residents of the State and who shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, one to serve for one year, 2 to serve for 2 years and 2 to serve for 3 years. One member of the commission shall be a commercial airport operator, one member shall be regularly employed in the aviation trades and 3 members shall be in no way connected with the aviation industry. ~~Each~~ After the original appointments each member shall be appointed and serve for a term of 3 years and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified. Members to fill vacancies shall be appointed for the unexpired term and shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. The commission shall organize annually by electing from its membership a chairman. Each member of the commission shall receive as compensation for each day actually spent on the work of the commission the sum of \$20 and his actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of duties pertaining to his office.'

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 121

AN ACT Amending Laws Relating to Employment Offices.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, economic insecurity due to unemployment is a serious menace to the health, welfare and morals of the people of the State of Maine; and

Whereas, employment offices perform a vital and necessary function in obtaining employment for the people of Maine; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the following legislation be effective immediately to lighten the burden which falls so heavily on the unemployed worker and his family by providing the necessary machinery to aid the worker in obtaining employment; 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. 100, § 148, amended. Section 148 of chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 139 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 148. Receipt given to applicants for employment. Every licensee shall give to each applicant for employment from whom a fee or other valuable thing shall be received for procuring such employment, or to whom a charge is made therefor, which fee or other valuable thing shall in no case exceed ~~50%~~ the equivalent of the first full week's wages, a receipt, in which shall be stated the name of the applicant, the amount of the fee or other valuable thing, the date, the name or nature of the employment or situation to be procured, and the name and address of the person, firm or corporation to whom the applicant is referred or sent for work or employment. Such fee shall be in full compensation for all service of said licensee. ~~Should employment terminate in less than one month from time of placement, the fee shall not be over 10% of wages earned.~~ The person to be employed must be furnished with a duplicate card showing name, last residence and name and residence of nearest relative or friend. No licensee shall by himself, agent or otherwise induce or attempt to induce any employee to leave his employment with a view to obtaining other employment through such agency.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 100, § 148-A, amended. Section 148-A of chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2-A of chapter 139 of the public laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 148-A. Method of payment of fee for placement. If placement fee is paid weekly, ~~1/6~~ $1/8$ of such fee shall be paid each week for the first ~~6~~ 8 weeks of employment; if paid semi-monthly, ~~1/3~~ $1/4$ of the fee shall be paid for the first ~~3~~ 4 paydays; if paid monthly, $1/2$ of the fee shall be paid for the first 2 paydays.'

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

Effective March 27, 1959

Chapter 122

AN ACT Relating to Procedure in State Construction Contracts.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 15-A, § 25, sub-§ X, amended. Subsection X of section 25 of chapter 15-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 340 of the public laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:

'X. To require prompt inspection upon the completion of any public improvement and to make recommendations promptly for the acceptance or rejection thereof to the authority which approved the execution of the project;'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 15-A, § 28-A, additional. Chapter 15-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 340 of the public laws of 1957, is amended by adding a new section to be numbered 28-A to read as follows:

'Sec. 28-A. Retention of part of the contract price. In any contract awarded for any public improvement the State shall withhold 5% of the money due the contractor until the project under the contract has been accepted by or for the