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CHAP. 342

'§ 4702. Department of Indian Affairs; commissioner, qualifications, employment and salary; personnel

The duties and powers heretofore given the Commissioner of Health and Welfare relating to Indians, except their education, are transferred to the Department of Indian Affairs, hereinafter in this part called the "department," which is created to exercise general supervision over the Indian tribes.

The Department of Indian Affairs shall be under the control and supervision of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, hereinafter in this part called the "commissioner," who shall be qualified by experience, training and demonstrated interest in Indian affairs. The commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor to serve for a term of 4 years and until his successor shall be appointed and qualified. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment for a like term. The commissioner shall receive such salary as shall be fixed by the Governor.

The commissioner may employ, subject to the Personnel Law, the necessary assistance to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Indian Affairs.'

Sec. 2. Transfer of funds. All funds appropriated by the 102nd Legislature to the Department of Health and Welfare for the administration of Indian affairs, except the education of the Indians, are transferred to the Department of Indian Affairs.

Effective September 3, 1965

Chapter 341

AN ACT Increasing Salary of Legislative Finance Officer.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 3, § 163, sub-§ 15, amended. The 4th sentence of subsection 15 of section 163 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'He shall receive a salary of \$9,000 \$12,000 per year and any necessary traveling expenses which shall be paid from the legislative appropriation.'

Sec. 2. Effective date. The provisions of this Act shall be retroactive to July 1, 1965.

Effective September 3, 1965

Chapter 342

AN ACT Relating to Compensation of Representative of Indian Tribes at the Legislature.

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

R. S., T. 3, § 2, amended. The last paragraph of section 2 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

CHAP. 343

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'The member of the Indian tribe elected by it to represent the tribe at the biennial assembly of the Legislature shall receive a compensation of \$250 \$500 for such attendance.'

Effective September 3, 1965

Chapter 343

AN ACT to Increase Cigarette Tax Two Cents.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the essential needs of State Government require that additional revenue be raised by this Legislature; and

Whereas, the revenue to be collected under the provisions of this Act may not be sufficient to provide for said needs during the next fiscal biennium unless the tax is imposed on and after the date of the beginning of the next fiscal year, namely, July 1, 1965; 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., T. 36, § 4365, amended. The first sentence of section 4365 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:
- 'A tax is imposed on all cigarettes held in this State by any person for sale, said tax to be at the rate of 3 4 mills for each cigarette and the payment thereof to be evidenced by the affixing of stamps to the packages containing the cigarettes.'
- Sec. 2. R. S., T. 36, § 4365, amended. The next to the last sentence of section 4365 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:
- 'The Tax Assessor thereupon shall notify the unclassified importer of the amount of the tax due thereon, which shall be at the rate of 3 4 mills per cigarette.'
- Sec. 3. R. S., T. 36, § 4366, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 4366 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:
- 'To licensed distributors he shall sell such cigarette stamps at a discount of 3\% 2\% of their face value.'
- Sec. 4. Cigarettes on hand; stamping or accounting; waiver provision. The State Tax Assessor may by regulation waive for a period of not over 7 days following the effective date of this Act, payment of additional tax by retail dealers with respect to stocks of cigarettes properly stamped at the rate of 3 mills per cigarette sold during such period, provided such stocks were on hand as of the effective date of this Act; and pursuant thereto, the State Tax Assessor may also waive for the same period the application to retail dealers of Title 36, sections 4369, 4370 and 4372 as respects such cigarettes.

Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize any distributor or subjobber to distribute to any retail outlet cigarettes not properly stamped at the rate of 4 mills per cigarette.