

ANOTHER LIST OF NEW STATE LAWS

PASSED AT LAST SESSION

Brief Outlines of Measures by Legislature and Signed by Governor; What They Are All About

(This is a continuation of the list of bills that were passed by the 55th General Assembly and have received the signature of Governor Small, or have been allowed to become laws without his signature.)

House Bill 353 (Johnson, G. J.) Relates to the valuation of bonds and other evidences of debt, held by insurance companies and associations. Rules of such valuation are defined. Director of Trade and Commerce given full discretion in determining methods of calculating values according to such rules.

House Bill 354 (Johnson G. J.) Amends section 6 of Act relating to the transaction of the business of life insurance approved May 20, 1907. Provides that ~~the~~ shall not apply to annuities with return of premiums or premiums with interest, policies of pure endowment with return of premiums or premiums with interest, or policies or reinsurance of any portion of an individual risk.

House Bill 355 (Johnson, G. J.) Amends section 18 of an Act to organize and regulate the business of life insurance, approved March 26, 1869. Provides that annuity policies containing safeguards against lapse, or containing grants of special surrender values, limited annuities or provisions against death by accident, shall be deemed annuity policies within the intent of the section regardless of provisions of statute prohibiting transaction of such business by life insurance companies.

House Bill 357 (Rex). An Act in relation to regulation of professional correspondence schools, and manual and mechanical trade schools, providing for the issuance of a certificate of registration by the Department of Registration and Education, fixing the fee with the application for a certificate at \$25 and \$50 for the certificate; all to be under the rules and regulations prescribed by the Department of Registration and Education.

House Bill 359 (Teel). Amends section 31 of Landlord and Tenant Law. Provides for landlord's enforcement of crop liens by distraint as set forth in Act.

House Bill 364 (Allen). Amends section 8 of an Act to enable cities and villages having a population not to exceed 500,000 to establish and maintain public and municipal coliseums, approved June 27, 1913. Pro-

vides that money borrowed for the purpose of constructing coliseums shall not bear interest to exceed 5 per cent per annum.

House Bill 365 (Allen). Amends section 3a of the dog licensing Act so as the county treasurer shall distribute on the 30th day of September of each year all moneys in the county dog licensing fund, in excess of \$3,000 (instead of \$2,000), to each township or road district in the county in proportion to the amount each township or road district has paid money into such fund.

House Bill 366 (Ewing). Amends section 23 of Mechanics Lien Law of May 18, 1903, to require lien for supplies furnished contractor with the state to be filed with state treasurer, auditor of public accounts, director of finance and with the director of the department which lets the contract instead of with officer who pays the contractor.

House Bill 367 (Fekete). Amends section 1 of the Act concerning the organization and management of fraternal beneficiary societies so as to allow such fraternal societies to make cash loans on their insurance policies.

House Bill 368 (Green). Amends sections 4, 6, 23 and 59 of an Act in relation to corporations for pecuniary profit approved June 28, 1919. Provides that preferred stock may be issued in series and that dividends shall be payable on such series at a rate not exceeding 8 per cent per annum. That shares may be redeemed at a redemption price determined by the board of directors of the corporation. Copies of resolutions authorizing such preferred stock shall be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing. Provision is made that directors of corporations, who assent to indebtedness in excess of the capital of the corporations, shall not be liable if the assets of such corporations are going concerns, are greater than the amounts of such indebtedness.

House Bill 376 (Browne). Amends section 2 of an Act to create the Court of Claims and to prescribe its powers and duties, approved June 25, 1917. Provides that terms of office of the chief justice, and of each judge of the Court of Claims shall be from the time of his appointment until the second Monday in January next succeeding the election of a governor. Provision shall apply to current terms of said incumbent.

House Bill 378 (Elrod). Amends section 16 of an Act providing aid to mothers and children, approved June 30, 1913. Raises the maximum tax levy for the purpose in counties of less than 300,000 population from two-thirds of one mill to four-fifths of one mill on the dollar and in counties having a population of over 300,000 from four-tenths of six-tenths of a mill on the dollar.

House Bill 379 (Fahy). Amends sections 7 and 8 of the barbers' registration law and adds section 8 1/2 thereto, providing that a barber or

an apprentice barber shall have graduated from an eighth grade elementary school, or have completed an equivalent course of study. Designates barbering as a "profession." Requires an apprentice to pay a permit fee of \$1.00 per annum. Makes it unlawful for anyone to operate a school or college of barbering unless same has been permitted by the department of Registration and Education.

House Bill 382 (McAdams, by request). Amends section 1 of Act of 1893 for general tax for parks and boulevards. Provides that such tax shall be excepted, by the county clerk, from the provisions of the Act of 1901 for extension and levy of taxes, known as the Juel Law.

House Bill 399 (Curran). Makes an additional appropriation of \$9,000 to the Illinois Lakes-to-the-Gulf Commission for payment of expenses.

GREAT INCREASE IN AUTOMOBILE TOURING

Statistics Gathered by State and Federal Authorities Show Gains

Federal and stateway officials have been gathering interesting information that shows a tremendous increase of automobile touring. In New England, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, the Rockies, the Pacific Coast, in the South, the number of cars on the highways and visiting the scenic spots of the country shows a great increase, and you have only to look over the licence plates to discover that all states are represented, and that great lessons in American geography are being learned.

One striking fact about touring this year is the mileage covered by the motorists. Attention has been called to the fact that the improved methods in tires is a major cause for deflated costs in touring. The tourists of today are seeing more than ever before, stopping less frequently along the highways, sleeping in auto camps, farm houses, and small inns. They are spending more money on gaso-

line, less money on sidelines and souvenirs.

They are enjoying riding more and soft drinks less which is attributed to the comfort of the cars and the durability of the tires. Incidentally it may be said that motorists ought to check the pressure of their tires every morning before starting on a long trip to insure better riding, and the pressure on balloon tires have a tremendous influence on gasoline mileage.

MANY GRADE CROSSINGS ELIMINATED SINCE 1916

Nearly 1,800 of Them Changed Since Federal Aid Work Was Started

According to information recently received by the Chicago Motor club, nearly 1,800 grade crossings have been eliminated since federal aid work was launched in 1916. This has been accomplished through two methods—by separating the grades and by changing the highway routes. Nearly two-thirds of these crossings were avoided by re-routing the roads. Of the 414 crossings eliminated during 1926 on federal aid projects, 202 of them were by relocation of highways. A number of states have taken steps to eliminate grade crossings. In making plans for pavement building many communities are including funds for the construction of under-passes and over-passes.

There are 232,755 crossings used by motorists in the United States. Of this number only 27,161 have protection in any form. Highway authorities point out that if the yearly accident toll is to be reduced still more attention must be paid to grade crossing elimination.

This is the period of year that tests the ability of the average man or woman to resist the temptation to substitute an auto excursion for attendance on divine worship. Get the the church-going habit.—Murlington Free Press.

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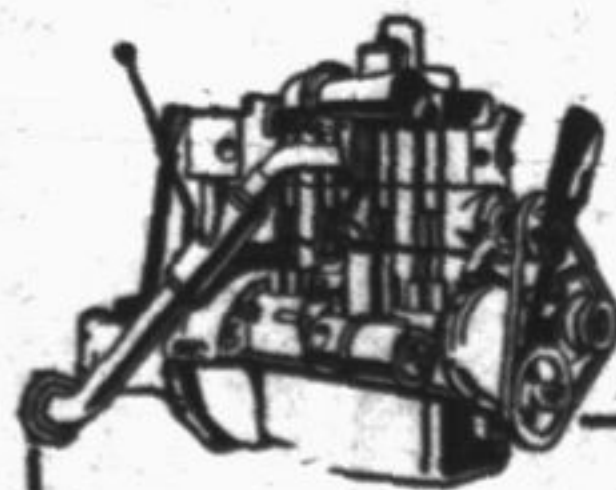
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