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Chapter 214.

AN ACT Relating to Duties of Superintendents of Insane Hospitals.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 155, sec. 8; relating to duties and powers of the superintendent, amended. Section eight of chapter one hundred fifty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the third line of said section after the word "grounds," the following words: 'and in his discretion,' and by striking out in the third line of said section after the word "patients" the words "legally sent to the hospital, unless the number exceeds its accommodations" and by inserting in place thereof the following words: 'in need of special care and treatment legally sent to the hospital when the number exceeds its accommodations'; so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 8. Superintendent given certain discretionary powers. The superintendent of each hospital shall be a physician; reside constantly at the hospital; have general superintendence of the hospital and grounds; and in his discretion receive all patients in need of special care and treatment legally sent to the hospital, when the number exceeds its accommodations, and have charge of them, and direction of all persons therein, subject to the regulations of the board of trustees; and report to the trustees at the annual meeting the condition and prospects of the institution under his charge, with such remarks and suggestions relative to its management and the general subject of insanity, as he thinks will promote the cause of science and humanity.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 155, sec. 9, repealed. Section nine of chapter one hundred fifty-five of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.

Approved April 2, 1931.

Chapter 215.

AN ACT Relating to the Excise Tax on Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 12, sec. 90; relating to excise tax on motor vehicles, amended. Section ninety of chapter twelve of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the eighth line of said section after the words "and succeeding years" the words 'provided, however, that whenever an excise tax has been paid for the previous calendar year on the same motor vehicle the excise tax for the new calendar year shall be assessed as if the vehicle was

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in its next year of the model'; so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 90. Motor vehicles to be taxed as of calendar year instead of model year. An excise shall be levied annually as herein provided with respect to each calendar year for the privilege of operating upon the public ways, each motor vehicle to be so operated, subject to the provisions of section ninety-six, as follows: a sum equal to twenty-three mills on each dollar of the maker's list price for the first or current year of model, sixteen and one-half mills for the second year, twelve and one-half mills for the third year, nine mills for the fourth year, five and one-half mills for the fifth year and three mills for the sixth and succeeding years, provided, however, that whenever an excise tax has been paid for the previous calendar year on the same motor vehicle the excise tax for the new calendar year shall be assessed as if the vehicle was in its next year of the model; provided, however, that persons registering under the provisions of section forty of chapter twenty-nine, the state and political subdivisions thereof, bona fide dealers or manufacturers of motor vehicles, which motor vehicles are solely for the purpose of demonstration and sale and which constitute stock in trade, telephone and telegraph companies subject to the excise tax as set forth in sections forty-six to forty-nine of this chapter, both inclusive, railroad companies subject to the excise tax set forth in chapter nine, sections twenty-eight to thirty-eight of this chapter, both inclusive, excepting however, motor busses used for the transportation of passengers for hire, shall not be subject to the excise herein provided.'

Approved April 2, 1931.

Chapter 216.

AN ACT Relating to the Administration of the State.

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

ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENTS

Sec. 1. Administrative departments. There are hereby created and established the following administrative departments of the state government:

1. Department of finance.
2. Department of health and welfare.