

NEW LAWS GO INTO EFFECT AT MIDNIGHT

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cars used commercially by their owners in the delivery of products such as gasoline and oil and bakery products.

The act reducing the maximum load limit of trucks from 22,000 to 20,000 pounds, and the maximum load for any one axle to 14,400 pounds, will not become effective until January 1, 1927.

Charitable Bequests Taxed. Only one law was enacted that affects importantly the state treasury department. This is the act removing inheritance tax from estates that are bequeathed to charitable purposes.

Several of the new laws pertain to the state labor department. One of these affects the plumbing trade, and provides that all plumbers must register with the state and pay annually a fee of \$5. Also a plumbing code is established and plumbing installation regulated.

A present statute is amended by a new provision that employers must establish a monthly pay-day.

An amendment is made to the lien law, providing for a lien on logs. The owner of the logs has the alternative of releasing the lien by filing a bond with the county clerk in double the amount of the lien. The object is to protect the laborer.

Deputy labor commissioners and clerks in the department came in on salary increases accorded by the legislature. Deputies may be paid up to \$200 a month.

Timber Sales Authorized. The state land board, under a new act, is authorized to sell the timber from state lands. Under the old law not more than 320 acres of state land could be sold to any one person regardless of the timber on the land. The new act provides that the timber alone may be sold either at public auction or by sealed bids.

Another new act gives the land board authority to deposit in qualified state depositories the uninvested portions of the Apperson and the Burbank trust funds, and provides that it may collect 2 per cent interest on the daily balances of these funds as on other funds. Few of the new laws effective today pertain to taxation. One regulates the assessment and taxation of transient livestock transferred from one county to another, dividing the assessment between the counties.

Tax Payment Deferred. Of considerable importance is the act whereby the date on which the first half of taxes is due is changed from April 5 to May 5 and the second half from October 5 to November 5.

Acts coming within the scope of the state engineering department may be summarized briefly as follows:

Giving settlers further rights relative to coming under irriga-

tion districts. Making warrants of irrigation districts receivable by the tax collector for maintenance charges levied in the district.

Placing a lien on land in which nursery stock is set out or planted, and defining nursery stock.

Requiring adjustment of water claims under the Carey act.

Permitting irrigation districts under contract with the United States to cancel assessments levied to pay charges due the United States when the United States has relieved the district from the payment of such charges.

Providing for notice and record of liens on crops for water or irrigation.

Defining the rights of drainage districts and their officers.

Fire Control Objective.

Several acts relating to the state forestry department carried the emergency clause, but two important ones are effective today. One of these amends the compulsory patrol law by changing the definition of "forest land" so that it includes everything that contains enough forest debris to further the spread of fire. This makes it possible for the state forester to place cut-over land and land of a similar character on the tax rolls in order that it shall bear its share of the protection costs. Exemptions for patrol costs are now limited to resident owners for not to exceed 160 acres if more than half of it lies within one mile of the owner's permanent address.

Another act gives the board of forestry authority to acquire by gift or donation in the name of the state forest or brush-covered land which is suitable for the growing of forests or for park purposes. This land is forever reserved from sale, but small isolated tracts may be exchanged for the purpose of blocking holdings for administrative purposes. Revenues derived from the sale of products from the lands go towards carrying out the provisions of the act.

Fraternal Societies Get Leeway.

Under the head of insurance one amendment gives more freedom to fraternal benefit societies in that the law is not held to restrict their right in the use of any surplus above the accumulation required by rate tables and accretions thereon, provided the surplus is used for the common benefit of all members. Other amendments pertain to securities and bonds to be deposited with the state insurance commissioner by foreign and alien corporations and companies engaged in fire insurance in Oregon; adjusters of fire and marine insurance; and the standard policy forms of life insurance companies.

The real estate brokers act is strengthened, adding to the power of the real estate commissioner and further protecting the public.

Several acts become effective adding to the power of the state fire marshal and strengthening standardization requirements for hydrants, hose, etc.

Some of the other new laws effective today are:

Providing for the investment of surplus from the interstate bridge fund.

Spanish Vets Get Loans. Refunding Multnomah county from the interstate bridge fund for money from the county previously transferred to bridge fund.

Extending benefits of state bonus and loan act to Spanish war veterans.

Establishing Carlton lake game reserve in Yamhill county.

Establishing game reserve along Columbia river east of the Celilo canal.

Creating Warner game refuge.

Regulating salmon fishing in Rogue river.

Regulating fishing in Coquille river.

Regulating steelhead salmon fishing in Tillamook county streams.

Requiring treasurers or other officers of counties, cities, towns, districts, school districts, reclamation districts or other political subdivisions to report to the state treasurer the status of their bonded indebtedness.

Providing that one X mark only is necessary in voting for president or vice-president.

Regulating and licensing cosmetic therapy and creating a board.

Marriage Made Easier.

Repealing requirement that bride must be resident of county where marriage license is obtained.

Regulating sale of milk products and preventing fraud and adulteration.

Authorizing organization of mutual savings banks.

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Providing for permanent records of milk and cream tests at places where purchased.

Increasing salaries of supreme judges.

Increasing salaries of district attorneys.

Authorizing Multnomah county sheriff and clerk to fix salaries of chief deputies.

For arbitration and award in controversies except relating to real estate titles.

Regulating practice of chiroprody and providing for examination and license.

New banking code.

Smaller Government Aim.

Creating a commission to study and report on possible simplification of local government in Multnomah county and state of Oregon.

Requiring recording of marriage licenses and divorces with the state board of health.

Providing for state reformatory.

Establishing fees to be collected by clerk, county court and recorder in Multnomah county.

Standardizing and grading eggs.

Regulating possession, sale and use of pistols and revolvers.

Providing for new circuit judge in Multnomah county.

Creating department of Americanization and non-paid commission of five members.

Providing for poultry veterinarian.

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