

accordance with standards drawn up by the Industrial Board of the Department of Labor and Industry. Where any of said buildings is designated for use or occupancy of fifty or more persons, the external doors of the same shall open outward, shall be kept unlocked and ready for instant use at all times, and be so constructed or arranged as to afford, when open, an unobstructed passageway of not less than five feet in the clear. Where such doors lead from stairways, there shall be landings inside the external doorways of dimensions not less than four feet between the external doors and the adjoining stairways; said landings to be of a width not less than the stairway approaches thereto.

Doors.

Landings.

APPROVED—The 20th day of April, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 108.

AN ACT

Establishing a Bureau of Statistics and Information in the Department of Internal Affairs; providing for the appointment of officers and employes, and providing for the fixing of their duties, powers, and compensation; making it the duty of the Secretary of Internal Affairs to furnish statistical data provided for in this act to the heads of the State Government for the use of their departments, upon requisition; making it the duty of persons, associations, copartnerships, corporations, and municipal and other public officers to furnish information required; prescribing penalties for violation of such duty; and repealing certain acts.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That, pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution, there is hereby established, within the Department of Internal Affairs of the Commonwealth, a Bureau of Statistics and Information.

Department of Internal Affairs.

Bureau of Statistics and Information.

Section 2. The Secretary of Internal Affairs is authorized to appoint a chief of said bureau and such other officers and employes as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act, to prescribe their duties, and fix their compensation. He may also use temporarily any clerks or employes of the Department of Internal Affairs in the bureau as occasion may require.

Employes.

Duties.

Compensation.

Section 3. The bureau shall collect, compile, and publish all statistics and useful data and information relating to labor, coal mining, oil and gas production, manufacturing industries, commercial operations, public service companies, municipalities, maritime interests, and other business of the State; and, in order to facilitate the duties herein imposed, all persons, associations, copartnerships, and corporations, engaged as herein described, within this Commonwealth,

Compilation of statistics.

Duty to furnish information to bureau.

and municipal and other public officers, are hereby required to furnish such statistical information as the Secretary of Internal Affairs or the chief of such bureau may require. The Secretary of Internal Affairs shall have a complete, summarized, and systematized report of the statistics and information collected and compiled by the bureau published annually, and shall otherwise provide means for making such information available for the use and benefit of the public as he may find necessary.

Reports.

Publication.

Duty to furnish information to State departments.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Internal Affairs to furnish statistical data and information to the heads of the State Government, for the use of their respective departments, upon the subjects mentioned in this act, upon requisition made in appropriate form, as promptly and completely as practicable, that unnecessary duplication of the gathering of statistics and information may be avoided.

Powers.

Subpoenas.

Oaths and hearings.

Failure to furnish information to bureau.

Section 5. The Secretary of Internal Affairs, the chief of said bureau, or other person duly authorized by either of them, shall have power to issue subpoenas, administer oaths, hold hearings, and take testimony in all matters relating to the duties herein required of said bureau. Any person, association, copartnership, or corporation, doing business within the Commonwealth, or municipal or other public officer, who shall neglect or refuse, for thirty days, to answer questions requested by circular, official blanks, or personal application, designed to secure the data and information required to be furnished by this act, or who shall refuse to obey the subpoena and give testimony according to the provisions of this act, shall be liable to a penalty of two hundred dollars, to be collected by the Secretary of Internal Affairs in a proper action for the use of the Commonwealth.

Penalty.

Acts repealed.

Section 6. The following acts and parts of acts are hereby repealed as respectively indicated, namely:

Act of April 18, 1919 (P. L. 80).

An act, entitled "An act establishing a Bureau of Statistics and Information in the Department of Internal Affairs; authorizing the Secretary of Internal Affairs to appoint a chief of bureau and other officers and employes; fixing their duties, powers, and salaries; making it the duty of corporations, firms, and individuals to furnish information required; prescribing penalties for violation of such duty; and repealing certain acts; and transferring the records, equipment, and supplies in the Division of Production in the Bureau of Statistics and Information in the Department of Labor and Industry, to the bureau hereby established," approved April eighteen, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, eighty), absolutely.

An act, entitled "An act abolishing the offices of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the Bureau of Railways, in the Department of Internal Affairs; creating the offices of Chief and Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Railways in said Department of Internal Affairs; prescribing their duties and fixing their salaries; and repealing all laws and parts of laws inconsistent herewith," approved April twenty-one, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, seventy-three), absolutely.

Act of April 21,
1911 (P. L. 73).

So much of an act, entitled "An act reorganizing the Department of Internal Affairs of the Commonwealth, designating the officers and employes thereof, and fixing their salaries," approved May sixteen, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, two hundred two), as refers to the Bureau of Railroads, and fixes the salaries of the chief of bureau, assistant chief of bureau, and two clerks, and also so much as refers to the Bureau of Taxes and Assessments, and fixes the salaries of chief of the bureau and two clerks.

Act of May 16,
1919 (P. L. 202),
partially.

The repeal by this act of any act of Assembly shall not revive any act or part thereof heretofore repealed or superseded.

Effect of
repeals.

Section 7. All other acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

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NO. 109.

A SUPPLEMENT

To the act, approved the second day of June, one thousand nine hundred fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred sixty-two), entitled "An act providing for the creation and administration of a State fund for the insurance of compensation for injuries to employes of subscribers thereto; declaring false oaths by the subscribers to be misdemeanors; and providing penalties for the violation thereof"; providing that the officers and employes of the State Workmen's Insurance Board shall be officers and employes of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the officers and employes of the State Workmen's Insurance Board created by the act to which this is a supplement shall be deemed and held to be, for all purposes whatsoever, officers and employes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and shall be entitled to and have and exercise all the rights, powers, and privileges, and be subject to all the duties, restrictions, and penalties, of other officers and employes of the Commonwealth.

State Workmen's
Insurance Board.

Officers and
employes to be
employes of
Commonwealth.

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