

cess of the standard cost of similar insurance in other insurance companies legally authorized to conduct business in Pennsylvania, the excess shall be construed as interest under this act.

Constitutional provision.

Section 19. Interpretation of Act.—The provisions of this act are severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held unconstitutional, the decision of the court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions of this act. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this act would have been adopted had such unconstitutional provisions not been included.

Section headings shall not be taken to govern or limit the scope of the sections of this act. The singular shall include the plural, and the masculine shall include the feminine or neuter.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 20. Repealer.—All acts or parts of acts which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

When effective.

Section 21. Effective Date.—This act shall become effective on the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven, or if subsequently enacted, this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 8th day of April A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 67

AN ACT

To amend section one thousand seven hundred and five of and to add section one thousand seven hundred and ten to the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred seventy-seven), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," imposing certain additional powers and duties upon the Department of Agriculture.

Administrative Code.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one thousand seven hundred and five of the act, approved the

ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred seventy-seven), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1705, act of April 9, 1929 (P. L. 177), amended.

Section 1705. Foods.—The Department of Agriculture shall have the power, and its duty shall be:

Department of Agriculture.

(a) To enforce the laws of the Commonwealth relating to the production, manufacture, transportation and sale of foods used for man, as well as every article entering into and intended for use as an ingredient in the preparation of foods for man;

(b) For the purpose of enforcing such laws, from time to time, to purchase from wholesale or retail dealers samples of any food or drink, and have the same analyzed or examined, and prosecute the sale of adulterated, misbranded, or deleterious foods or drink;

(c) To examine all cold storage warehouses, within the meaning of the laws of this Commonwealth, to ascertain whether they are kept in a sanitary condition, the wholesomeness of the food therein, and the time within which foods shall have been so kept;

(d) To make such rules and regulations, *including the adoption of definitions and standards*, as shall be necessary for the enforcement of the laws of this Commonwealth relating to oleomargarine, food, drink, and cold storage warehouses;

(e) *For the purpose of enforcing such laws, to enter into any place where food is produced, manufactured, sold, or offered for sale, or kept, and to seize all articles of food produced, manufactured, sold, or offered for sale, or kept in violation of such laws.*

Section 2. That said act is hereby amended by adding thereto at the end of article seventeen a new section to read as follows:

Investigation and control of insects, other arthropods, and rodents.

Section 1710. Investigation and Control of Insects, other Arthropods and Rodents.—The Department of Agriculture shall have authority, and its duty shall be, to furnish information to citizens of the Commonwealth concerning the control of harmful insects, other arthropods, and rodents, which attack man and other animals, birds or stored products of any kind, or which invade buildings or property, and by their presence constitute a nuisance; also to make studies to determine the value of beneficial insects and other arthropods. The Department of Agriculture may also make investigations, undertake, and carry out control measures against said insects, other arthropods, and rodents; publish and disseminate literature, and otherwise advise and cooperate with the citizens of the Commonwealth in suppressing all such pests.

APPROVED—The 8th day of April, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 68

AN ACT

Regulating the employment and hours of employment of the officers and members of the uniformed fire protection forces of the cities of the first class; and repealing existing laws.

Be it enacted, &c., That,

Firemen to be divided into two platoons.

Section 1. Platoon System; Hours of Service.—The director, or other officers of the department having charge of the fire bureau in each city of the first class, shall divide the officers and members of the companies of the uniformed fire protection forces in the employ of such cities, excepting the chief engineer and assistant chiefs and those employed subject to call, into two bodies or platoons. One to perform day service and the other to perform night service. The hours of day service shall not exceed ten commencing at eight o'clock in the morning, and the hours of night service shall not exceed fourteen commencing at six o'clock in the afternoon. The hours of day service shall not exceed thirty hours, and the hours of night service shall not exceed forty-two hours in the same calendar week. The employes of such fire forces shall be allowed to have at least twenty-four consecutive hours of rest in every calendar week exclusive of the change day, and to have an annual vacation of not less than fourteen days without diminution of,*

Day service not to exceed 10 hours.

Night service not to exceed 14 hours.

Employes to be allowed 24 consecutive hours of rest each week.

Vacation of 14 days.

* In the original.