

No. 441.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Continuing the commission appointed pursuant to a concurrent resolution, dated June seventeenth, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, for the purpose of continuing the work of the former commission by a further investigation and examination of the various laws now in effect in the several States relating to the recording of deeds, mortgages, the transfer of land, the insurance of titles, and the practical operation of such laws, and to propose such changes in the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth as to insure the best system of recording, and make report and recommendation to the next General Assembly in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three; defining the powers and duties of the commission; and making an appropriation.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly met, That the commission appointed by the Governor pursuant to the concurrent resolution, dated June seventeenth, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and continued pursuant to a concurrent resolution, dated July twenty-fifth, one thousand nine hundred seventeen, and a joint resolution, dated July eighteenth, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, for the purpose of continuing the work of the commission by further investigation and examination of the various laws now in effect in the several States relating to the recording of deeds, mortgages, the transfer of lands, the insurance of titles, and the practical operation of such laws, and to propose such changes in the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth as to insure the best system of recording, is hereby continued; and said commission is directed to make further report and recommendations to the General Assembly of the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, with such draft of legislation as it may deem proper to carry into effect the provisions of the Constitution with regard to the system of registration of land titles.

Commission on the recording of deeds, etc.

Continued.

Reports.

Section 2. The commission is hereby directed to disseminate such information, and publish for distribution such draft of legislation, as it may deem necessary to bring this matter properly to the attention of the public.

Publications.

Section 3. That the unexpended balance of the five thousand dollars, appropriated by a joint resolution approved July twenty-fifth, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, for the purpose of investigating the system of recording deeds, mortgages, and so forth, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated to the commission for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this resolution in payment of the actual necessary expenses incurred by said commission.

Appropriation.

Section 4. The Auditor General is directed to draw his warrant upon the State Treasury in favor of such

Payment of appropriation.

commission, upon the filing with the Auditor General of vouchers duly countersigned by the chairman of said commission.

APPROVED—The 27th day of May, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 442.

AN ACT

Providing for the refunding of moneys paid to the State Highway Department for registration of motor vehicles and drivers' licenses, which motor vehicles and licenses have not been used and to which moneys it appears the Commonwealth has no claim; and making an appropriation for such refunds.

Motor vehicles. Registration and license fees.

Refunding.

Presentation of claim.

Hearing.

Certification.

Payment.

Appropriation.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever any moneys are paid to the State Highway Department for registration of motor vehicles or for drivers' licenses, and the licenses issued for such motor vehicles and drivers are not used, the person or persons who have paid the same may present a claim to the accounting officers of the State or either of them for a refund of such moneys to which it is alleged the Commonwealth has no rightful claim. The said claim and all evidence presented therewith shall be presented to the Auditor General, State Treasurer, and Attorney General, who shall consider the same, and if, in their opinion, the Commonwealth has no valid claim to such moneys, and the same properly belong to the claimant or claimants and ought in equity and good faith be refunded to him or them, they shall so certify, under their hands and official seals, specifying the amount or amounts to be refunded, and the person or persons to whom the same are to be paid, respectively. The said certificate shall be filed in the office of the Auditor General, who shall thereupon draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer, payable to said claimant or claimants, for the amount found to be due him or them.

The sum of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

APPROVED—The 27th day of May, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.