

Penalty. torney, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and such person shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not exceeding one year, or by both, in the discretion of the court.

Constitutionality. Section 7. Should any section or provision of this act be held to be unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of the act as a whole or any part thereof other than the portion so held to be invalid.

Repeal. Section 8. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 27th day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 271

AN ACT

To amend sections four, twelve, twenty-three, and twenty-four of the act, approved the second day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred and 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."

State Workmen's
Insurance Fund.

Section 4 of act of
June 2, 1915 (P.
L. 762), amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section four of the act, approved the second day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred and 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," be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

State Treasurer to
be custodian of
fund.

Section 4. The State Treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund; and all disbursements therefrom shall be paid by him *by cheque*, upon [vouchers authorized by the board and signed by any two members thereof, except as hereinafter provided in sections twenty-two and twenty-three] *requisition of the Secretary of Labor and Industry. It shall not be necessary for the State Treasurer to audit the accounts which the requisition of the Secretary of Labor and Industry calls upon him to pay, and for making payments according to the requisition of the Secretary of Labor and Industry without audit the State Treasurer shall not be under any liability whatsoever. [He] The State Treasurer may deposit any portion [thereof] of the fund not needed for immediate use*

Payments on requisition of Secretary of Labor and Industry.

as other State funds are lawfully deposited, and the interest thereon shall be collected by him and placed to the credit of the fund.

Section 2. That section twelve of the said act be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 12 amended.

Section 12. The said board may invest any of the surplus or reserve belonging to the fund in such securities and investments as are authorized for investment by savings banks. All such securities or [evidence] *evidences* of indebtedness shall be placed in the hands of the State Treasurer, who shall be the custodian thereof. He shall collect the principal and interest thereof when due, and pay the same into the fund. The State Treasurer shall pay [all vouchers drawn on the fund for the making of such investments, when signed by two members of the board] *for all such securities or evidences of indebtedness by cheque issued upon requisition of the Secretary of Labor and Industry. All such payments shall be made only upon delivery of such securities or evidences of indebtedness to [him, when there is attached to such vouchers] the State Treasurer. To all requisitions calling upon the State Treasurer to pay for any securities or evidences of indebtedness there shall be attached* a certified copy of the resolution of the board authorizing the investment. The said board may, upon like resolution, sell any of such securities.

Investment of surplus.

State Treasurer custodian of securities.

Payment for securities.

Section 3. That section twenty-three of the said act be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 23 amended.

Section 23. The board is hereby empowered to execute the agreements provided in the Workmen's Compensation Act of one thousand nine hundred fifteen, *its amendments and supplements*, and to [appoint such agents and] make such rules as they may deem necessary for this purpose. When any such agreement has been approved by the [bureau] *Department of Labor and Industry*, the same shall be properly filed and docketed, and the board shall, from time to time, until such agreement shall be modified or terminated, as provided in the Workmen's Compensation Act of one thousand nine hundred fifteen, *its amendments and supplements*, [issue such warrant or warrants as may be necessary to] pay the sums therein agreed upon. [Such warrant or warrants shall be signed by a member of said board, or an agent appointed by the said board, for this purpose, and] *All such payments shall be made by cheque of the State Treasurer issued upon requisition of the Secretary of Labor and Industry. Every such cheque shall be mailed to the person or persons entitled thereto under such agreement. When any award is made by the [Board of] Workmen's Compensation Board, or by a referee [designated by the bureau] in any pro-*

Execution of agreement.

Rules.

Filing.

Payments.

ceedings brought by an employe of a subscriber or the dependents of such employe against the said fund, such award shall be filed and docketed; and the State Workmen's Insurance Board shall, from time to time, until such award is modified, reversed, or terminated, [issue such warrant or warrants as may be necessary to] pay the sums therein lawfully awarded against the said fund. [Such warrant or warrants shall be signed by a member of the State Workmen's Insurance Board, or by an agent appointed by the Board for that purpose and] *All such payments shall be made by cheque of the State Treasurer issued upon requisition of the Secretary of Labor and Industry, and every such cheque shall be mailed to the person or persons entitled thereto under such award.*

Section 24
amended.

Section 4. That section twenty-four of the said act be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Payments from
fund.

Section 24. *All salaries, wages, fees, or other compensation of physicians, attorneys, investigators, assistants, and other employes necessary for the proper administration of the fund and the proper conduct of the work of the board shall be paid out of the fund.* All payments to employes, dependents of deceased employes, physicians, attorneys, investigators, assistants, employes, and others entitled to be paid out of the fund shall be made by the State Treasurer, [on a warrant of the board as aforesaid] *upon requisition of the Secretary of Labor and Industry.* [But where periodical instalments are required to be paid, under article three of said Workmen's Compensation Act of one thousand nine hundred fifteen, a single warrant shall be sufficient to authorize such periodical payments. But, upon the modification of any agreement or award, in accordance with the provisions of article four, section four hundred and twenty-six of the Workmen's Compensation Act of one thousand nine hundred fifteen, or upon review by the court, the board shall issue a further warrant in accordance with such subsequent agreement or such modification, and such warrant when issued shall supersede and cancel the previous warrant.]

APPROVED—The 27th day of April, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 272

AN ACT

Rendering cheques issued by the State Treasurer void unless presented for payment within sixty days from the date thereof, and providing for the issuance of duplicate cheques upon surrender of cheques voided by delay in presentation.

Treasury
Department.

Checks void unless
presented within
sixty days.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That all cheques issued by the State Treasurer of this Commonwealth shall become and be void, unless presented to the