cause to be made, written, or placed, any policy or contract of insurance in this Commonwealth except through an agent, whether an individual, copartnership, or corporation, who or which is a resident of this Commonwealth, or maintains his, her, or its principal place of business in this Commonwealth, and who or which shall receive a commission thereon when the premium is paid. to the end that the State may receive the taxes required by law to be paid on the premiums collected for insurance written or placed in this State: Provided, however, That the Insurance Commissioner may, under such regulations and restrictions as may be deemed necessary, issue licenses to nonresident agents who are licensed in the State in which they reside, but such agents shall not countersign any policy or contract of insurance, but all such policies and contracts shall be signed only by resident agents who or which shall receive a commission thereon when the premium is paid.

APPROVED—The 24th day of May, A. D. 1933.

## GIFFORD PINCHOT

## No. 216

# AN ACT

To further amend section six hundred and three of the act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred eighty-nine), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to insurance; establishing an insurance department; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating to the licensing, qualification, regulation, examination, suspension, and dissolution of insurance companies, Lloyds associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and certain societies and orders, the examination and regulation of fire insurance rating bureaus, and the licensing and regulation of insurance agents and brokers; the service of legal process upon foreign insurance companies, associations, or exchanges; providing penalties; and repealing existing laws," by further regulating the licensing of insurance agents.

Be it enacted, &c., That section six hun-Section 1. dred and three of the act, approved the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred eighty-nine), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to insurance; establishing an insurance department; and amending, revising, and consolidating the law relating to the licensing, qualification, regulation, examination, suspension, and dissolution of insurance companies, Lloyds associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and certain societies and orders, the examination and regulation of fire insurance rating bureaus, and the licensing and regulation of insurance agents and brokers; the service of legal process upon foreign insurance companies, associations, or exchanges; providing penalties; and repeal-

Insurance Department Act of 1921.

Agent's licenses.

Section 603, act of May 17, 1921 (P. L. 789), as amended by act of June 22, 1931 (P. L. 616), further amended. ing existing laws," as amended by the act approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred sixteen), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 603. Agent's Licenses .--- The Insurance Commissioner may issue, upon certification as aforesaid by any company, association, or exchange, authorized by law to transact business within this Commonwealth. an agent's license to any person of at least twenty-one years of age and to any copartnership or corporation. No license as agent shall be granted to any corporation unless by provisions of its charter it is authorized to engage in the business of insurance or real estate, and unless individual licenses are also secured for each active officer of such corporation; and no license shall be granted to a copartnership or firm unless individual licenses are also secured for each active member of such copartnership or firm. Before any such license is granted, the applicant shall first make answer, in writing and under oath, to interrogatories on forms and supplements such as the Insurance Commissioner shall prepare and submit, which answers shall be vouched for by indorsement of the company, association, or exchange interested, and to the effect that the applicant is of good business reputation, and of experience in underwriting, other than soliciting, and is worthy of a license: Provided, That any licensed agent who shall have held, for a continuous period of five years, a license to transact, as agent, any class or kind of insurance business for any company, association, or exchange, authorized to transact business within this Commonwealth, shall be entitled, upon proper application, to receive a license to transact, as agent, the same class or kind of insurance business for any other company, association, or exchange, so authorized to transact business, without the necessity of submitting to an examination. When the Insurance Commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is worthy of license, and that he is reasonably familiar with provisions of the insurance law of this Commonwealth, he shall issue a license stating that the company, association, or exchange, represented by the agent, has complied with the requirements of law and has been authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact business within this Commonwealth, and that the agent has been duly appointed by the company, association, or exchange named in the license. [All agents' licenses] Licenses of life in-surance agents shall expire annually at midnight of March thirty-first, licenses of fire insurance agents shall expire annually at midnight of September thirtieth, and the licenses of casualty and health and accident insurance agents shall expire annually at midnight of November thirtieth, unless sooner terminated as the result of severance of business relations between the company, association, or exchange and the agent, or unless revoked by the Insurance Commissioner for cause. Licenses for fire insurance agents, and for casualty and health and accident insurance agents, issued to expire at midnight March thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred and thirtyfour, are hereby extended until midnight of September thirtieth and November thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, respectively, in accordance with the expiration dates fixed by this act. The department shall collect an additional fee for each such license extended at the rate of one-twelfth of the annual rate, as fixed by this act, for each additional month that the term of such licenses are extended. Any person whose license is revoked may appeal to the court of common pleas of Dauphin County within thirty days of the date of receipt, by registered mail, of a notice of the fact of such revocation. Nothing in this section shall be construed as applying to domestic mutual fire insurance companies.

APPROVED-The 24th day of May, A. D. 1933.

## GIFFORD PINCHOT

# No. 217

#### AN ACT

To amend section fifty-seven of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand two hundred seventy-eight), entitled 'An act relating to counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; and revising, amending and consolidating the laws relating thereto,' by requiring the county commissioners to furnish office supplies for county officers not located in county buildings or at the county seat.

The General County Law.

Office supplies.

Section 57, act of May 2, 1929 (P. L. 1278), amended. Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section fifty-seven of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand two hundred seventy-eight), entitled "An act relating to counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; and revising, amending and consolidating the laws relating thereto," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 57. Office Furniture, Stationery, Et Cetera.— The county commissioners shall, at the cost of the county, furnish the office furniture, equipment and supplies, blank books, blanks, dockets, books for records, stationery, postage, fuel, light, and janitor and telephone service, required for each of the county officers whose offices are located in the county buildings, or at such other places at the county seat as may be designated by the court, and all supplies used by the public in connection with such offices; and the county commissioners shall, at the cost of the county, furnish the office supplies, blank books, blanks, dockets, books for records, stationery, postage, and telephone service, required for each of