

is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "injury" in the fifth line the words: —, and if incapacity extends beyond a period of four weeks, compensation shall be paid from the day of injury, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 29.* No compensation shall be paid for any injury which does not incapacitate the employee for a period of at least seven days from earning full wages, but if incapacity extends beyond such period, compensation shall begin on the eighth day after the injury, and if incapacity extends beyond a period of four weeks, compensation shall be paid from the day of injury. When compensation shall have begun it shall not be discontinued except with the written assent of the employee or the approval of the department or a member thereof; provided, that such compensation shall be paid in accordance with section thirty-five if the employee in fact earns wages after the original agreement is filed.

Time at which workmen's compensation shall begin to be paid, etc.

Proviso.

Approved April 7, 1924.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FILLING OF PRESCRIPTIONS FOR NARCOTIC DRUGS.

Chap. 208

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section one hundred and ninety-eight of chapter ninety-four of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out, in the fifteenth and sixteenth lines, the words "together with the legal signature of the person receiving such drug," so as to read as follows: — *Section 198.* Except as otherwise provided in sections one hundred and ninety-nine and two hundred, no person shall sell, furnish, give or deliver any narcotic drug except upon the written order of a manufacturer or jobber in drugs, wholesale druggist, registered pharmacist actively engaged in business as such, physician, dentist or veterinarian registered under the laws of the state where he resides, or an incorporated hospital, college or scientific institution through its superintendent or official in immediate charge, or upon the written prescription of a physician, dentist or veterinarian registered as above provided, such order bearing his legal signature, the date of the signature, his office address, the registry number given him under the act of congress approved December seventeenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and the name, age and address of the patient for whom it is prescribed. The prescription, when filled, shall show the date of filling and the legal signature of the person filling it, written across the face of the prescription, and the prescription shall be retained on file for at least two years by the druggist filling it. No prescription shall be filled except in the manner indicated therein and at the time when it is received, and the full quantity of each substance prescribed shall be given. No order or prescription shall be either received for filling or filled more than five days after its date of issue as indicated thereon. Each pharmacist who fills a prescription for a narcotic drug shall securely attach to the container thereof a label giving the name and address of the store where the prescription is filled, the date of filling, the name of the person for whom it is prescribed, the name of the physician, dentist or veterinarian

G. L. 94, § 198, amended.

Sale and distribution of certain narcotic drugs regulated.

Prescriptions of physicians, dentists, etc.

who issued it; and the narcotic drug so delivered shall always be kept in its container until used. No prescription shall be refilled, nor shall a copy of the same be made except for the purpose of record by the druggist filling the same, such record to be open at all times to inspection by the officers of the department of public health, the board of registration in pharmacy, the board of registration in medicine, authorized agents of said department and boards, and by the police authorities and police officers of towns; provided, that sections one hundred and ninety-seven to two hundred and thirteen, inclusive, shall not apply to prescriptions, nor to the sale, distribution, giving, dispensing or possession of preparations or remedies, if such prescriptions do not call for, or such preparations and remedies do not contain, more than two grains of opium or more than one quarter of a grain of morphine, or more than one eighth of a grain of heroin or more than one grain of codeine, in one fluid ounce, or, if a solid or semi-solid preparation, in the avoirdupois ounce; nor shall they apply to liniments, ointments or other preparations which are prepared for external use only, except liniments, ointments and other preparations containing cocaine or alpha or beta eucaïne; provided, that such preparations, remedies or prescriptions are sold, distributed, given, dispensed or held in possession in good faith as medicines and not for the purpose of evading any provision of the last named sections, and provided that the possession of any narcotic drug, except in the form of prescriptions and preparations or remedies especially exempted in this section, by any one not being a manufacturer or jobber of drugs, or wholesale druggist, registered pharmacist actively engaged in business as such, or a physician, dentist or veterinarian registered as above provided, or superintendent or official in charge of an incorporated hospital, college or scientific institution shall, except as provided in section two hundred and five, be presumptive evidence of an intent to violate sections one hundred and ninety-eight to two hundred and ten, inclusive. This section shall not apply to a person having in his possession any of the above mentioned articles by virtue of a legal prescription legally issued under any provision of sections one hundred and ninety-eight to two hundred and ten, inclusive, and not obtained by any false representation made to the physician, dentist or veterinarian issuing it, or to the pharmacist who filled it; nor shall such sections apply to decocainized coca leaves or preparations made therefrom or to other preparations of coca leaves which do not contain cocaine.

Approved April 7, 1924.

Chap. 209 AN ACT RELATIVE TO PARK COMMISSIONERS AND TO THE TAKING OF LAND FOR PUBLIC PARKS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. 45, § 2,
amended.

Park commis-
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SECTION 1. Chapter forty-five of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section two and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 2.* A town may elect a board of park commissioners, consisting of three persons, and prescribe their