

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

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SENATE, June 3, 1909.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the bill to codify the laws relating to labor (Senate, No. 340), report recommending that the same be amended by striking out the first ten sections and inserting in place thereof the following, being chapter 371 of the Acts of 1909, providing for a bureau of statistics:—

THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

1 SECTION 1. There shall be a bureau of statistics, the  
2 duties of which shall be to collect, assort, arrange, and  
3 publish statistical information relative to the commercial,  
4 industrial, social, educational, and sanitary condition of  
5 the people, the productive industries of the commonwealth,  
6 and the financial affairs of the cities and towns; to es-  
7 tablish and maintain free employment offices as provided  
8 for by chapter four hundred and thirty-five of the acts  
9 of the year nineteen hundred and six and amendments  
10 thereof; and to take the decennial census of the common-  
11 wealth required by the constitution and present the results  
12 thereof in such manner as the general court may deter-  
13 mine.

1 SECTION 2. Said bureau shall be in charge of a di-  
2 rector who shall be appointed by the governor with the  
3 advice and consent of the council for a term of three  
4 years and until his successor is appointed and qualified.  
5 The director shall receive an annual salary of three thou-  
6 sand dollars. He shall appoint a chief clerk, who, in the  
7 absence of the director, shall act as his deputy and who  
8 shall receive an annual salary of two thousand dollars.  
9 The director may expend for clerical assistance, special  
10 agents, and contingent expenses, such amount as the  
11 general court may annually appropriate for these pur-  
12 poses. He may require the attendance of witnesses and  
13 the production of books and documents, and may examine  
14 witnesses under oath; and such witnesses shall be exam-  
15 ined in the same manner and be paid the same fees as  
16 witnesses before the superior court.

1 SECTION 3. The director of the bureau of statistics  
2 shall annually on or before the third Wednesday in  
3 January submit to the general court a statement sum-  
4 marizing the work of the bureau during the preceding  
5 year, and shall make therein such recommendations as  
6 he may deem proper. He shall also prepare annually  
7 for distribution as public documents, a report on the  
8 statistics of labor, which shall embody statistical and  
9 other information relating especially to labor affairs in  
10 the commonwealth; a report on the statistics of manu-  
11 factures, to be gathered as hereinafter more particularly  
12 provided for; a report on the financial statistics of the  
13 cities and towns of the commonwealth, to be gathered as  
14 hereinafter more particularly provided for; and a report  
15 covering the work of the free employment offices. The  
16 secretary of the commonwealth shall cause copies of these  
17 several annual reports to be printed as follows:— Of

18 the report on the statistics of labor, three thousand  
19 copies, of which two thousand shall be for the use of  
20 the bureau; of the report on the statistics of manu-  
21 factures, three thousand copies, of which two thousand  
22 shall be for the use of the bureau; of the report on the  
23 financial statistics of cities and towns, four thousand  
24 copies, of which three thousand shall be for the use of  
25 the bureau; of the report on the free employment offices,  
26 two thousand five hundred copies, of which one thousand  
27 five hundred shall be for the use of the bureau.

28 The copies of these several annual reports printed for  
29 the use of the bureau may be bound in cloth or paper,  
30 in the discretion of the director, and may be issued and  
31 distributed by him separately in parts; and the remain-  
32 der of the total number of copies authorized may be  
33 bound in cloth or paper in the discretion of the secretary  
34 of the commonwealth. The director may also publish,  
35 at such intervals as he deems expedient, bulletins or  
36 special reports relative to industrial or economic matters  
37 and municipal affairs. The several publications pro-  
38 vided for in this section shall be paid for out of the sum  
39 annually appropriated by the general court for the con-  
40 tingent expenses of the bureau.

1 SECTION 4. The director of the said bureau is au-  
2 thorized to prepare a schedule or blank form for the  
3 collection of such data as may be, in his judgment, de-  
4 sirable for the proper presentation of statistics of manu-  
5 factures and the promotion of the industrial welfare of  
6 the commonwealth, and the said schedule, unless modified  
7 by the director, shall embody inquiries as to, —

- 8 (1) Name of person, partnership or corporation.
- 9 (2) Kind of goods manufactured or business done.
- 10 (3) Number of partners or stockholders.

- 11 (4) Capital invested.
- 12 (5) Principal stock or raw material used, and total  
13 value thereof.
- 14 (6) Gross quantity and value of articles manu-  
15 factured.
- 16 (7) Average number of persons employed, distin-  
17 guishing as to sex, adults, and children.
- 18 (8) Smallest number of persons employed, and in  
19 what month.
- 20 (9) Largest number of persons employed, and in what  
21 month.
- 22 (10) Total wages, not including salaries of managers,  
23 paid during the year, distinguishing as to sex, adults,  
24 and children.
- 25 (11) Proportion that the business of the year bore to  
26 the greatest capacity for production of the establishment.
- 27 (12) Number of weeks in operation during the year,  
28 part time being reduced to full time.
- 29 The said schedule shall be sent by mail annually, on  
30 or before the fifteenth day of December, to the owner,  
31 operator, or manager of every manufacturing establish-  
32 ment in the commonwealth, and such owner, operator,  
33 or manager, or any other person to whom the schedule  
34 or blank form is sent shall answer the inquiries thereon  
35 and return the same to the bureau properly certified as  
36 to its accuracy, not later than the following twentieth  
37 day of January: *provided, however,* that the director  
38 may, in his discretion, extend the time for returning the  
39 schedule beyond said twentieth day of January. The  
40 director is authorized to suspend the operation of this  
41 sections in years when the United States takes a census  
42 of manufactures in Massachusetts, to such degree as may  
43 be necessary in order to facilitate co-operation between  
44 said bureau and the federal census authorities in the

45 collection and compilation of the statistics of Massachu-  
46 setts manufactures in such census years, and the avoid-  
47 ance of needless duplication of labor and expense.

1 SECTION 5. The information authorized to be col-  
2 lected by the preceding section shall not be used by said  
3 bureau either by publication or in any other manner,  
4 so as to disclose the private affairs of any person, partner-  
5 ship or corporation, and the bureau shall hold all such  
6 information to be strictly confidential with respect to  
7 persons, partnerships, or corporations. Any official,  
8 agent, or employee of said bureau who violates this pro-  
9 vision shall be punished by a fine of not more than five  
10 hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than  
11 one year; but this section shall not be construed as pro-  
12 hibiting said bureau from tabulating and publishing  
13 such information relative to manufacturing corporations  
14 as may be required by law to be filed with other state  
15 departments.

#### MUNICIPAL RETURNS.

1 SECTION 6. The director of the bureau of statistics  
2 shall annually furnish to the auditor or other accounting  
3 officer of each city and town in the commonwealth blank  
4 forms or schedules so arranged as to provide for uniform  
5 returns giving detailed statements of all receipts classified  
6 by sources, and all payments classified by objects, for its  
7 last fiscal year; a statement of the public debt showing  
8 the purpose for which each item of the debt was created  
9 and the provision made for the payment thereof; and a  
10 statement of assets and liabilities at the close of the fiscal  
11 year. The director may prescribe standard forms in-  
12 tended to promote the systematic accounting of financial  
13 transactions and the publication of the same in the city  
14 and town reports.

1 SECTION 7. The director of the bureau of statistics  
2 is also authorized to collect from the proper local au-  
3 thorities and to compile and publish such other informa-  
4 tion pertaining to municipal affairs as in his judgment  
5 may be of public interest; and it shall be the duty of all  
6 accounting and other officials and custodians of public  
7 moneys of cities and towns, or fire, water, and watch dis-  
8 tricts, so-called, and of districts organized under the  
9 provisions of section forty-four of chapter twenty-five of  
10 the Revised Laws, to fill out properly and return promptly  
11 to the said director all schedules transmitted by him to  
12 them.

#### DECENNIAL CENSUS.

1 SECTION 8. The decennial census of the commonwealth  
2 required by articles twenty-one and twenty-two of the  
3 amendments to the constitution and the decennial census  
4 of industries and agriculture shall be taken by the  
5 bureau of statistics in the year nineteen hundred and  
6 fifteen and every tenth year thereafter; and the director  
7 of said bureau is authorized to supervise the taking of  
8 the United States censuses for Massachusetts, and to  
9 co-operate with the federal authorities in all respects  
10 possible and feasible, so far as is consistent with the  
11 interests of the commonwealth, for the purpose of pro-  
12 moting economy and efficiency in the gathering, com-  
13 pilation, and publication of statistical matter. In the  
14 year nineteen hundred and fourteen, and every tenth  
15 year thereafter, the director of said bureau shall submit  
16 to the general court a preliminary report embodying an  
17 estimate of the cost of taking, compiling, and publishing  
18 the next succeeding decennial census, and such other in-  
19 formation and recommendations as may be necessary to  
20 carry out the provisions of this section.

1 SECTION 9. Application for an enumeration of tem-  
2 porary or summer residents of towns, as contemplated by  
3 section thirteen of chapter one hundred of the Revised  
4 Laws, shall be made to the director of the bureau of sta-  
5 tistics, and such enumeration shall be made in the manner  
6 provided by said section.

1 SECTION 10. The director of the bureau of statistics,  
2 having first obtained authority from the governor and  
3 council, may destroy or sell all such records, papers and  
4 schedules accumulated in said bureau as, in his judgment,  
5 are of no value; and if sold the proceeds thereof shall be  
6 paid into the treasury of the commonwealth.

Also by striking out section twenty.

And that when so amended the same will be correctly  
drawn.

For the committee,

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