

and grounds, miscellaneous teaching, operating and office equipment for the farm, gardens, experiment station, and teaching departments, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars.

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE PROMOTION OF OLD AGE ANNUITIES AND OF VOLUNTARY INSURANCE AGAINST SICKNESS AND DISABILITY. Chap. 70

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth the sum of five thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the trustees of the General Insurance Guaranty Fund, in a manner similar to the work of said trustees in making known the advantages of savings bank life insurance under the provisions of chapter one hundred and sixty-eight of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and fifteen, for the purpose of further encouraging and promoting old age annuities and the organization of mutual benefit associations among the employees in industrial plants in the commonwealth in order to afford them an opportunity to insure against sickness and disability. The said trustees shall have authority to employ such agents or solicitors as they may deem necessary for the purposes aforesaid, and also such additional clerical assistance as may be necessary from time to time.

Promotion of old age annuities and voluntary insurance against sickness and disability.

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF THE MATTER OF CONSERVING AND EQUALIZING THE FLOW OF WATER IN THE RIVERS AND STREAMS OF THE COMMONWEALTH. Chap. 71

*Resolved,* That the commission on waterways and public lands is hereby authorized to continue the investigation of the matters of conserving, utilizing and equalizing the flow of water in the rivers and natural streams of the commonwealth, and may expend in carrying out the purposes of this resolve a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars in addition to the unexpended balance of the appropriation made to carry on the investigation authorized by chapter one hundred and thirteen of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fifteen. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as applying to any river or natural stream under the jurisdiction and control of any state board or commission other

Investigation as to conserving and utilizing flow of water in rivers and streams, etc.

than the commission on waterways and public lands. Said commission shall report to the general court in print the results of its further investigation and its recommendations.

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*Chap. 72* RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR AN INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO THE AMOUNT AND DISPOSITION OF MOTOR VEHICLE FEES, AND RELATED MATTERS.

Investigation as to amount and disposition of motor vehicle fees, etc.

*Resolved*, That the members of the Massachusetts highway commission, the supervisor of administration and the secretary of the commonwealth shall constitute a special commission of five, of which the chairman of the highway commission shall be the chairman, to consider whether the present fees for the registration of motor vehicles and for licensing the operators thereof are equitable and sufficient; whether changes should be made in the method of distributing or applying the said fees; and whether there is need of further legislation to regulate the sale of second-hand motor vehicles, or to prevent the larceny of motor vehicles; and to make such recommendations with respect to the sale or use of motor vehicles as the commission may deem advisable.

The commission shall report its findings to the next general court, together with drafts of such laws as it may recommend; and it may report in print. If the report is printed, three hundred and fifty copies shall be reserved for the use of the general court and the remaining copies shall be distributed at the discretion of the commission. Not more than twenty-five hundred copies of the report shall be printed, and any surplus copies shall be deposited in the legislative document room for distribution by the sergeant-at-arms. The commission shall give such public hearings as it may deem necessary. It shall serve without compensation, but may expend for clerical and other expenses such amount, not exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars, as shall be allowed by the governor and council.

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*Chap. 73* RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES.

Investigation of state board of labor and industries.

*Resolved*, That the supervisor of administration be directed to inquire into and to investigate the efficiency of the state board of labor and industries, the organization thereof and