

dollars nor less than five dollars a week; and in no case shall the period covered by such compensation be greater than five hundred weeks, nor the amount more than four thousand dollars.

Approved March 27, 1918.

AN ACT INCREASING THE TENURE OF COUNTY TREASURERS *Chap.114*
FROM THREE TO FIVE YEARS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section three hundred and eighty-nine of chapter eight hundred and thirty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen is hereby amended by striking out the word "fifteen", in the second line, and substituting the word: — eighteen, — and by striking out the word "third", in the same line, and substituting the word: — fifth, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 389.* At the annual state election in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, and in every fifth year thereafter, a county treasurer shall be chosen by the voters in each county, except the counties of Suffolk and Nantucket.

1913, 835, § 389, amended.

Election of county treasurers.

SECTION 2. Said chapter eight hundred and thirty-five, as amended in section three hundred and ninety-one by section one of chapter two hundred and fifty-five of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby further amended by striking out the said section three hundred and ninety-one and substituting the following: — *Section 391.* District attorneys, county commissioners and associate commissioners shall hold their several offices for terms of three years, and sheriffs, registers of deeds, clerks of courts, registers of probate and insolvency, and county treasurers, for terms of five years, beginning with the first Wednesday of January in the year succeeding their election and until their successors are chosen and qualified. If a person elected to any of the above offices fails to qualify, by reason of death, on or before the said date, the office shall be filled in the manner hereinbefore provided for filling a vacancy in the office.

1913, 835, § 391, etc., amended.

Tenure of county treasurers increased.

Approved March 27, 1918.

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE COVERAGE PERMITTED TO CERTAIN *Chap.115*
CLASSES OF INSURANCE COMPANIES INSURING MOTOR
VEHICLES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Clause Second of section thirty-two of chapter five hundred and seventy-six of the acts of nineteen hundred

1907, 576, § 32, clause 2, etc., amended.

and seven, as amended by chapter five hundred and nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and eight, and by section one of chapter five hundred and forty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the words: — and against loss or damage caused by teams, automobiles or other vehicles, except rolling stock of railways, to the property of another, for which loss or damage any person, firm or corporation is responsible, — so as to read as follows: — Second, To insure upon the stock or mutual plan vessels, freights, goods, money, effects, and money lent on bottomry or respondentia, against the perils of the sea and other perils usually insured against by marine insurance, including risks of inland navigation and transportation; also to insure against loss or damage to and loss of use of motor vehicles, their fittings and contents, whether such vehicles are being operated or not, and wherever the same may be, resulting from accident, collision or any of the perils usually insured against by marine insurance, including inland navigation and transportation; and against loss or damage caused by teams, automobiles or other vehicles, except rolling stock of railways, to the property of another, for which loss or damage any person, firm or corporation is responsible.

Insurance companies, motor vehicle coverage extended.

1907, 576, § 32, clause 5, etc., amended.

SECTION 2. Clause Fifth of section thirty-two of said chapter five hundred and seventy-six, as amended by chapter two hundred and forty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and eight, and by chapter three hundred and thirty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “insure”, in the first line thereof, the words: — upon the stock or mutual plan, — and by inserting after the word “responsible”, in the eighth line, the words: — or against loss or damage to, or loss of use of, motor vehicles designed to operate on land, their fittings and contents, whether such vehicles are being operated or not and wherever the same may be, resulting from accident, except loss or damage by fire or while being transported in any conveyance by land or water, or collision, — so as to read as follows: — Fifth, To insure upon the stock or mutual plan any person against bodily injury or death by accident, or any person, firm or corporation against loss or damage on account of the bodily injury or death by accident of any person, or against damage caused by teams, automobiles or other vehicles, except rolling stock of railways, to the property of another, for which loss or damage such person, firm or corporation is responsible, or against loss or damage to, or loss

Insurance against accident, etc.

of use of, motor vehicles designed to operate on land, their fittings and contents, whether such vehicles are being operated or not and wherever the same may be, resulting from accident, except loss or damage by fire or while being transported in any conveyance by land or water, or collision, and to make insurance upon the health of individuals.

Approved March 27, 1918.

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES BY HEAVY VEHICLES. Chap. 116

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section thirty-nine of Part 5 of chapter three hundred and forty-four of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the words "for any considerable depth", in the fourteenth line, by inserting after the word "the", in the same line, the words: — cities and, — and by striking out the words "unless such highway or bridge is paved with brick, block, sheet asphalt, concrete pavement or surface", in the twenty-second and twenty-third lines, so as to read as follows: — *Section 39.* No traction engine, trailer, motor vehicle, draft wagon, cart or other vehicle shall be operated upon or over a highway or bridge in any city or town in this commonwealth, nor shall any object be moved over or upon any such highway or bridge, upon wheels, rollers or otherwise, in excess of a total weight of fourteen tons, including vehicle, object or contrivance and load, without first obtaining the permit mentioned in section forty-one of Part 5 of this act from the authority or authorities therein mentioned; nor shall any vehicle be operated or contrivance moved upon or over said highways or bridges which has any flange, ribs, clamps or other object attached to its wheels or made a part thereof, which will injure, cut into or destroy the surface of the highway or bridge; and in the cities and towns of the commonwealth outside of the metropolitan parks or sewerage districts no such engine, vehicle, object or contrivance for moving heavy loads shall be operated or moved upon or over any such highway or bridge the weight of which resting upon the surface of said highway or bridge exceeds eight hundred pounds upon any inch in width of the tire, roller, wheel or other object, without first obtaining said permit. The owner, driver, operator or mover of any such engine, vehicle, object or contrivance over said highway or bridge shall, unless relieved from liability

1917, 344 (G),
Part 5, § 39,
amended.

Operation of
heavy vehicles
over highways
and bridges,
regulated.

Liability for
damages, etc.