

Agricultural
College and
School of Mines.

of the Agricultural College and School of Mines for the Quarter ending June 30, 1923; the sum of Fifteen Dollars and fifty cents (\$15.50) for expenditure by the Board of Trustees of the Pioneers' Home for allowance

Allowances for
aged residents.

for aged residents for the quarter ending March 31, 1923; the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents (\$2,418.64) for expenditure by the Territorial Fish Commission for the period ending March 31, 1923, the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for expenditure by the Attorney General for the quarter ending March 31, 1923, or so much of the several amounts thereof as may be necessary for the payment of accounts justly due from the Territory under existing Acts.

Fish
Commission.

Attorney
General.

Emergency.

Section 2. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved April 23, 1923.

CHAPTER 49.

AN ACT

[H. B. 23]

To regulate the payment of wages and other compensation of employees in private employments.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

Section 1. The payment of wages and other compensation of employees in all private employments in the Territory of Alaska shall be made in lawful money of the United States, or by good and valid negotiable check or draft, payable in good and lawful money of the United States upon presentation thereof, and without grace, at some bank in the Territory of Alaska nearest the place where the work or labor was performed, without discount.

In what form
payment of
wages in pri-
vate employ-
ment to be
made.

Section 2. Every person, or any agent of any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation, who, having the ability to pay, shall wilfully refuse to pay the wages or compensation due and payable, when demanded as herein provided, or falsely deny the amount or validity thereof, or that the same is due, with intent to secure for himself or any other person, any discount upon such indebtedness, or with intent to annoy, or harass, or oppress [oppress], or hinder, or delay, or defraud, the person to whom the indebtedness is due, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or by imprisonment of not more than sixty (60) days.

Penalty for refusal or delay in payment of wages.

Section 3. Whenever any person, company or corporation, is compelled to sue for the recovery of wages or for the face value of the check, memorandum, token, or evidence of indebtedness issued or circulated for the payment of wages for labor, by reason of the failure of any person, firm, company or corporation issuing the same failing or refusing to pay the same on demand, as provided in this act, then, and in such case, if judgment be rendered in favor of plaintiff the court shall tax the attorney fees of not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars and not more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars in favor of the judgment creditor and the further sum of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars as damages to the plaintiff suffered by the plaintiff by reason of being compelled to sue for the recovery of such claim; PROVIDED, that no plaintiff shall recover more than the face value of his said claim where the payment is refused by reason of a dispute as to the ownership of said claim, or where it appears satisfactorily to the court or jury that the defendant had a sufficient excuse for the refusal of the payment of the claim, the burden of proof of said sufficient excuse being on the defendant, and, should the court or jury find such excuse sufficient, the same is to be specified in the verdict or judgment of the said court or jury.

In case of suit to collect wages judgment creditor may recover certain penalties.

Proviso.

When wages due.

Section 4. All wages of employees in and around canneries and salteries shall be due and payable monthly and within fifteen (15) days after the last day of the month in which the wages were earned; PROVIDED, however, that when the services are completed or the employee is discharged prior to such pay day the wages or other compensation earned by him shall be paid without delay, but nothing contained herein shall be construed to prohibit the payment of wages at more frequent periods than monthly.

Notices designating regular pay days must be posted by employers.

Section 5. Every employer shall establish and maintain regular pay days as herein provided and shall post and maintain notices, printed or written in plain type or script, in at least two conspicuous places where such notices can be seen by the employees as they go to and from their work, setting forth the regular pay days as herein prescribed. Nothing in this act contained shall be deemed to interfere with any right of contract.

Effective after Jan. 1, 1924.

Section 6. This act shall take effect from and after January 1st, 1924.

Approved April 24, 1923.

CHAPTER 50.

AN ACT

[H. B. 14]

To amend Section 362 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska 1913, relating to bond required of the Secretary of the Territory.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

Section 1. That Section 362 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska 1913 be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

“Section 362. The Secretary of the Territory of Alaska immediately upon the passage and approval of this