

office on July 1, 1953, a person duly qualified to serve as Commissioner for an initial term expiring on the first Monday in May, 1955, or until his successor shall have qualified as hereinabove provided. The Governor may at any time remove the Commissioner from office for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. The Commissioner shall receive a salary as provided in the budget. The said Commissioner shall be allowed [for] actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties.

The [title of the present administrative assistant shall be] *Division* shall have a deputy commissioner, who shall receive such salary as may be set by the Standard Salary Board, or its successor, and [the said deputy commissioner shall retain, without further examination,] *who shall have* all rights and privileges under the State Merit System Law and the State Employees' Retirement System. *The deputy commissioner holding office on the effective date of this Act shall continue to hold office subject to the provisions of Article 64A of this Code.*

At any time hereafter the office of deputy commissioner shall become vacant the State Commissioner of Personnel or his successor shall, as soon as practical, conduct a competitive examination in accordance with the State Merit System Law. The deputy commissioner, in the event of the absence, death, resignation, disability, or disqualification of the Commissioner, or in case of the office of the Commissioner shall for any cause become vacant, shall have and exercise all the powers and duties vested by law in the Commissioner.

[All other employees of the office of Commissioner of Labor and Statistics shall be transferred to the Department of Labor and Industry and retain their present classifications under the merit system as obtained through examination and shall receive such salary scales as set by the Standard Salary Board.]

The Commissioner is authorized and empowered to appoint or employ such deputies, inspectors, assistants and employees of every kind as may be necessary for the performance of the duties now or hereafter imposed upon him by this or any other law; provided, however, that such appointments and employments shall in each and every case be subject to the approval of the Governor and the *Secretary of Licensing and Regulation* and the compensation to be allowed therefor, be subject to the approval of the Standard Salary Board or its successor.

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It shall be the duty of the said Commissioner:

[1st] (1) To promote harmony between industry and labor.

[2nd] (2) To collect, systematize and report statistical details relating to all matters within the jurisdiction of the [Department] *Division*. Within the [Department of] *Labor and Industry Division* there shall be a Division of Research and Information which on behalf of and under the Commissioner of Labor and Industry shall administer this duty. As early in the calendar year as is reasonably possible the Commissioner shall prepare and deliver an annual report to the Governor and the *Secretary of Licensing and Regulation* and the members of the General Assembly, if requested, showing with respect to the preceding calendar year, the various activities of the [Department] *Division*.