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shall lie to the court of common pleas of Dauphin County. In any such appeal, the only question shall be whether the department abused its discretion in refusing such permit. The department shall establish a period of twelve calendar months, to begin and end at such times as the department shall prescribe, which shall be known as the annual exemption period. Unless previously revoked, all permits issued under this section shall expire and terminate on the last day of the annual exemption period for which they were issued. Permits issued under this act shall be renewed upon the filing of an application. The department may, from time to time, require further statements of the financial ability of such employer, and, if at any time such employer appear no longer able to pay compensation, shall revoke its permit granting exemption, in which case the employer shall immediately subscribe to the State Workmen's Insurance Fund or insure his liability in any insurance company, or mutual association or company, as aforesaid.

Any employer who fails to comply with the provisions of this section for every such failure shall, upon summary conviction before any official of competent jurisdiction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars, and costs of prosecution, or imprisonment for a period of not more than six months, or both. Every day's violation shall constitute a separate offense. It shall be the duty of the department to enforce the provisions of this section, and it shall investigate all violations that are brought to its notice and shall institute prosecutions for violations thereof. All fines recovered under the provisions of this section shall be paid to the department and by it paid into the State Treasury.

*Section 306. The following schedule of compensation is hereby established subject to the limitations of section 301:

(a) For total disability sixty-six and two-thirds per centum of the wages of the disabled employee as defined in section three hundred and nine, beginning after the seventh day of total disability and payable for the duration of total disability, but the compensation shall not be more than forty-seven dollars and fifty cents per week nor less than twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents per week. If at the time when disability begins, the employee receives wages of twenty-seven dollars and fifty cent per week or less, then he shall receive ninety per centum of the wages per week as compensation, but in no event less than twenty dollars per week. Nothing in this clause shall require payment of compensation after disability shall cease.

(b) For disability partial in character (except the particular cases mentioned in clause (c)) sixty-six and two-thirds per centum of the difference between the wages of the disabled employee, as defined in section three hundred and nine, and the earning power of the employee thereafter; but such compensation shall not be more than thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents per week. This compensation shall be paid during the period of such partial disability except as provided in clause (c) of this section, but not more than three hundred and fifty weeks. Should total disability be followed by partial disability, the period of three hundred and fifty weeks shall not be reduced by the number of weeks during

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