

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DREDGING THE FLATS IN BOSTON HARBOR NEAR JEFFRIES POINT. *Chap.463*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The board of harbor and land commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to dredge the flats in Boston harbor, near Jeffries Point, from the channel northeasterly to the said Jeffries Point and to the state land at the continuation of Maverick street, making a channel not less than sixty feet in width and not less than twelve feet in depth at mean low water: *provided, however,* that before any money shall be expended by said board, there shall be executed and delivered, in form to be approved by the attorney-general, a bond to the Commonwealth with sureties satisfactory to the treasurer and receiver general, conditioned for building within a reasonable time after the dredging is completed, a double marine railway substantially in accordance with the plans and specifications deposited in the office of said board, marked "Marine Railway at Jeffries Point, April, 1905."

Harbor and land commissioners to dredge flats in Boston harbor near Jeffries Point.

Proviso.

SECTION 2. For the above purpose the said board may expend a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

May expend certain sum.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 25, 1905.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROTECTION OF MINORS IN THE RELIGIOUS BELIEF OF THEIR PARENTS, WHEN SUCH MINORS ARE WARDS OF THE COMMONWEALTH. *Chap.464*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. No parents, or surviving parent, of any minor child in the care or under the supervision of the state board of charity, or of any state commission, or of any state board of trustees, shall be denied the right of any child of theirs to the free exercise of the religious belief of his parents and the liberty of worshipping God according to the religion of his parents, or surviving parent, or of the religion which his parents professed, if they are both deceased; and no minor child in the care, or under the supervision of any state board of charity, or of any state commission, or state board of trustees, shall be denied the free exercise of the religion of his parents, or of his surviving parent, or of his parents if they are

Protection of minor wards of the Commonwealth in the religious belief of their parents.

both deceased, nor the liberty of worshipping God according to the religion of his parents, whether living or deceased.

Repeal.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MILITIA.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTIONS 1-11. — Enrolled Militia.

SECTIONS 12-21. — Staff of the Commander-in-Chief and its Duties.

SECTIONS 22-177. — Volunteer Militia.

SECTIONS 178-194. — General Provisions.

ENROLLED MILITIA.

*Persons exempt from Military Duty.*

Certain words defined.

SECTION 1. In this chapter the word "soldier" shall include musicians and all persons in the volunteer or reserve militia, except commissioned officers; and the word "company" shall include battery, troop, signal corps and hospital corps.

Persons to be enrolled in the militia.

SECTION 2. Every able-bodied male citizen, and every able-bodied male of foreign birth who has declared his intention to become a citizen, resident within this Commonwealth, of the age of eighteen years and under the age of forty-five years, except persons exempted by sections three, four and six, and idiots, lunatics, common drunkards, vagabonds, paupers and persons convicted of any infamous crime, shall be enrolled in the militia. Persons convicted of any such crime after enrolment shall forthwith be disenrolled. In all cases of doubt respecting the age of a person enrolled, the burden of proof shall be upon him.

Exemptions.

SECTION 3. In addition to the persons exempted by the laws of the United States from enrolment in the militia, the following persons shall also be absolutely exempt: justices and clerks of courts of record; judges and registers of probate and insolvency; registers of deeds, and sheriffs; officers who have held or may hold commissions in the regular or volunteer army or navy of the United States; officers who have held, for a period of five years, commissions in the militia of this or any other state of