

*Chap.346* AN ACT RELATIVE TO GRANTING VACATIONS TO EMPLOYEES WHO RETURN TO THE SERVICE OF CERTAIN COUNTIES, CITIES OR TOWNS AFTER SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING THE PERIOD OF THE HOSTILITIES IN KOREA.

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

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person who shall have become separated from the employment of any county, city or town in which this act is accepted by the county commissioners, mayor and city council or selectmen, as the case may be, for the purpose of serving in the armed forces of the United States during the period from the twenty-fifth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty, which date shall, for the purposes of this act, be deemed to mark the commencement of the hostilities in Korea, to the date of cessation of said hostilities as determined by an act of congress or by presidential proclamation, and shall have returned to the employment of such county, city or town after an honorable discharge from service in said armed forces, shall, for the purpose of being granted a vacation with pay, be entitled to have the time of his said service counted as time actually worked in the employ of such county, city or town if he is not otherwise eligible to such vacation because he had not actually worked for a sufficient time; provided, that said service shall be so counted only with respect to the vacation of such person in the year of his return, and in the year next following if his vacation therein is based on time worked in the previous year.

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*Chap.347* AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A TELEVISION SET BE CONSIDERED A PART OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 59, § 5, etc., amended.

Clause Twentieth of section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 640 of the acts of 1951, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "radios" in line 7 the words: — , television sets, — so as to read as follows: —

Twentieth, The wearing apparel, farming utensils and cash on hand of every person and the tools of his trade if a mechanic, to any amount; and to an amount not exceeding a total value of five thousand dollars in respect to all the articles hereinafter specified in this clause, his household furniture and effects, including jewelry, plate, works of art, musical instruments, radios, television sets and garage or stable accessories, in storage in a public warehouse kept and maintained under chapter one hundred and five or used or commonly kept in or about the dwelling of which he is the owner of record or for the use of which he is obligated to pay rent, and which is the place of his domicile, and boats,

Television sets, exempt from taxation.

fishing gear and nets owned and actually used by him in the prosecution of his business if engaged exclusively in commercial fishing; provided, that in the case of household furniture and effects the combined exemption of husband and wife shall not exceed five thousand dollars; provided, that failure to comply with the provisions of sections twenty-nine and sixty-one relative to the filing of a list of his personal estate with the assessors shall not be a bar to an abatement of the tax, if any, imposed upon such personal estate.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO REGULATING FEES TO BE CHARGED BY THE LAND COURT AND REGISTRIES OF DEEDS. Chap. 348

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 262 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 38, as most recently amended by chapter 179 of the acts of 1951, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 38.* The fees of registers of deeds, except as otherwise provided, to be paid when the instrument is left for recording, filing or deposit, shall be as follows: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 262, § 38, etc., amended.  
Fees.

For entering and recording any paper, certifying the same on the original, and indexing it, and for all other duties pertaining thereto, except when a marginal reference or references are required, two dollars. If the paper contains more than one page, at the rate of eighty cents for each page after the first; provided, that if the paper contains the names of more than two parties thereto, other than the husband and wife of the grantor or grantee, an additional fee of twenty-five cents each shall be charged for indexing the names of additional grantors or grantees or other parties thereto. The minimum fee for recording a deed or conveyance or a mortgage shall be five dollars.

For all copies except photostat copies, at the rate of sixty cents a legal page of two hundred and twenty-four words. For photostat copies of all instruments, except copies of plans, at the rate of forty cents a page.

For each abstract card referred to in section twenty-four B of chapter thirty-six, forty cents.

For recording and filing a plan, of a size not over fourteen inches by nine and a half inches, one dollar and fifty cents. For larger sizes, not less than three dollars.

For entering any marginal references when required, twenty-five cents.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 262 is hereby further amended by striking out section 39, as most recently amended by chapter 589 of the acts of 1950, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 39.* The fees payable under chapter one hundred and eighty-five shall be as follows: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 262, § 39, etc., amended.  
Fees.

For the entry of every original petition or writ and transmitting it to the recorder, when filed with an assistant recorder, five dollars.