

nor more than five hundred dollars for each violation. Such rules and regulations shall be published at least once a week for three successive weeks in some newspaper having general circulation in the town of Shrewsbury, and shall not take effect until such publications have been made.

SECTION 12. No act shall be done under authority of the preceding sections, except in the making of surveys, plans and other preliminary investigations, until the plans for said system of sewerage and sewage disposal have been approved by the state department of public health. Upon application to said department for its approval, it shall give a hearing, after due notice to the public, and by writing to the selectmen of the town of Northborough. At such hearing, plans showing the work to be done in constructing said system or systems of sewerage and sewage disposal shall be submitted for the approval of said department.

SECTION 13. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the town meeting members of said town present and voting thereon at a regular or special town meeting called for the purpose within five years after its passage, but not otherwise. No expenditure shall be made and no liability incurred hereunder until such acceptance.

Approved May 27, 1954.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PAYMENT OF THE EXCISE UPON CHARGES *Chap.503*
FOR MEALS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6 of chapter 64B of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 79 of chapter 654 of the acts of 1953, is hereby further amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 64B, § 6, etc., amended.

Any taxpayer who complies with the provisions of this section may withhold and retain from said payments an amount equal to one per cent from each payment as compensation for services rendered in compliance with this chapter; provided, that the taxpayer has complied with all pertinent rules and regulations promulgated by the state tax commission and all other requirements of this chapter.

Compensation of taxpayer for services in collection of excise upon meals.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on November first, nineteen hundred and fifty-four and shall apply to returns required to be filed on or after said date.

Effective date.

Approved May 27, 1954.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OF CERTAIN STATE LAND TO THE CITY OF LOWELL. *Chap.504*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The department of natural resources is hereby authorized and directed to convey to the city of Lowell a portion of the Lowell-Dracut State Forest, lying

partially within the city of Lowell and partially within the town of Dracut, bounded and described as follows:—

Beginning at the northeast corner of the parcel to be conveyed at a granite post on the westerly side of Gumpas road, so-called, said point being approximately 5,200 feet northerly of the intersection of Gumpas road with West Meadow road; thence running in a southerly direction along the west side of Gumpas road a distance of approximately forty-five hundred and fifty feet to stake on the northerly side of an old road; thence in a westerly direction along the northerly side of said old road a distance of two hundred twenty feet more or less to a point opposite a stone bound on the southerly side of said old road; thence N. $17^{\circ} 56'$ W. three hundred and three feet, more or less, to a stone bound; thence N. $13^{\circ} 43'$ W. five hundred fifty-three and nine hundredths feet to a stone bound; thence N. $16^{\circ} 33'$ W. two hundred twenty-three and three tenths feet to a stone bound; thence N. $17^{\circ} 09'$ W. six hundred four and sixty-four hundredths feet to a stone bound; thence N. $6^{\circ} 10'$ W. eleven hundred and five feet to a stone bound on the southeasterly side of Totman road, so-called; thence northeasterly and northerly along the easterly side of Totman road twenty-seven hundred and seventy feet more or less to a stone wall at a corner of the property; thence S. $87^{\circ} 39'$ E. five hundred fifty-two and fifty-four hundredths feet along said stone wall to stake at corner of walls; thence S. $16^{\circ} 14'$ W. one hundred fifty-two and twenty-seven hundredths feet along another wall to a stake; thence S. $15^{\circ} 01'$ W. along said wall one hundred sixty-eight and forty-six hundredths feet to a stake; thence continuing along said wall S. $10^{\circ} 42'$ W. two hundred sixty-four and ten hundredths feet to a stake; thence continuing along said wall S. $15^{\circ} 26'$ W. one hundred sixty-eight and forty-one hundredths feet to a stone bound at corner of walls; thence S. 81° E. along another stone wall eight hundred thirteen and fifty-four hundredths feet to the point of beginning. Containing one hundred twenty-seven and seventy-five hundredths acres more or less; meaning and intending to include all that portion of the Lowell-Dracut State Forest which lies between Totman road in the town of Dracut and Gumpas road in the town of Dracut and the city of Lowell.

SECTION 2. Said land is transferred to the city of Lowell, subject to the provision that it be developed and operated solely by the city as a municipal golf course and a municipal outdoor recreational area.

SECTION 3. Should the city of Lowell fail to develop and operate this area as a municipal golf course and a municipal outdoor recreational area within a period of five years, or should said area at any time, be put to uses other than that described under section two, the property shall revert to the commonwealth.

SECTION 4. The words "developed and operated solely by the city as a municipal golf course and a municipal out-

door recreational area" are intended to cover those activities which are normally associated with the operation of a municipal golf course and a municipal outdoor recreational area.

SECTION 5. The city of Lowell shall indemnify the town of Dracut for any loss of revenue sustained as a result of the conveyance herein authorized.

Approved May 27, 1954.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT GEORGE H. PROVOST SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM. Chap. 505

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special provisions of law to the contrary, George H. Provost, a permanent employee of the health department of the town of Agawam, shall be permitted to pay into the retirement system of said town within sixty days following the effective date of this act, the amount which he would have been required to pay had he applied for membership and been accepted in said retirement system on December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, and after such payment is made he shall receive full membership in said system in accordance with the provisions of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 28, 1954.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTY TO PURCHASE CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON FOR PARKING FACILITIES OR FOR EXPANDING THE FACILITIES OF THE COUNTY COURT BUILDING. Chap. 506

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of establishing off-street parking facilities or for expanding the facilities of the county court house, the county commissioners of the county of Hampshire are hereby authorized to raise and expend a sum not exceeding forty-five thousand dollars for the purchase and subsequent development of two certain tracts or parcels of land with the buildings thereon situate on the westerly side of Gothic street in the city of Northampton in said county, bounded and described as follows: —

Parcel 1. Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Gothic street at the southeasterly corner of the described premises and the northeasterly corner of land of Northampton Institution for Savings, thence southwestwardly along land of said Northampton Institution for Savings and First Parish in Northampton seventy feet to a corner; thence