

Chap.344 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE WEIGHING OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 19A, etc., amended.

Weighing of motor vehicles and trailers.

Section 19A of chapter 90 of the General Laws, inserted by section 1 of chapter 397 of the acts of 1946, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following paragraph:—

Every operator of a motor vehicle operated on a way shall, upon request or direction of any officer authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter, operate such motor vehicle with any trailer which may be attached thereto and upon the nearest scales within a distance of not more than three miles and permit the weighing thereof together with its load. Whenever such vehicle has been so weighed and is found to weigh in excess of the limits provided by this chapter, no person shall further operate it upon a way unless the gross weight shall have been reduced to comply with said limits by removal of the excess weight.

Approved May 25, 1951.

Chap.345 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF SHOOTING GALLERIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 140, new § 56A, added.
License to conduct shooting galleries.

Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 56 the following section:— *Section 56A.* The licensing authorities of any city or town may grant and may suspend or revoke at pleasure a license to conduct a shooting gallery upon such terms and conditions as they deem proper. Before the granting of a license hereunder, the applicant for the license shall file with the clerk of such city or town, a bond running to the city or town, with sureties approved by the treasurer thereof, for such penal sum, not exceeding five thousand dollars, as the licensing authority granting the license shall determine to be necessary, such bond to be conditioned upon the payment of any loss, damage or injury resulting to persons or property by reason of the conduct of such shooting gallery. The term "shooting gallery", as used in this section, shall mean a public resort equipped with appliances for target shooting. Licenses issued hereunder shall expire on May first following the date of issue. The fee for each original license shall be five dollars and for each renewal thereof two dollars. Whoever conducts a shooting gallery unless licensed hereunder shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

Approved May 25, 1951.

Chap.346 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FIVE DAY WEEK FOR MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCES IN CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS.

Emergency preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which in part is to make its provisions effective without delay, therefore it is hereby declared to be

an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 147 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 16B, inserted by section 2 of chapter 426 of the acts of 1938, the following section:— *Section 16C.* Members of the police department of every city or town which accepts this section by vote of the city council, subject to the provisions of the charter, or by vote of the town at an annual town meeting, as the case may be, or, if said city council or town fails to accept this section, by vote of the voters thereof as hereinafter provided, shall be excused from duty for two days out of every seven without loss of pay.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 147, new § 16C, added.

Five day week for police in certain cities and towns.

Upon petition of not less than ten per cent of the registered voters in a city or town, duly certified by the registrars of voters and filed with the city or town clerk not less than thirty days before the regular municipal election of such city in any year, or before the annual town election of such town in any year, or if such petition is filed with the state secretary not less than ninety days before a biennial state election, the city or town clerk or the state secretary, as the case may be, shall cause to be printed upon the official ballot to be used in such city or town at such election the following question:— “Shall the city (or town) accept the provisions of section sixteen C of chapter one hundred and forty-seven of the General Laws providing for a five day week for members of the police forces in cities and towns?”. If a majority of the votes in answer to said question in any city or town is in the affirmative, this section shall take full effect therein, but not otherwise.

Question to go on ballot.

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| YES. | |
| NO. | |

SECTION 2. Section 17 of said chapter 147, as amended by section 3 of said chapter 426 of the acts of 1938, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 3, the word “five” and inserting in place thereof the word:— six, — and by inserting after the words “sixteen B”, in line 23, the words:— , or one hundred and four in each year in a town subject to section sixteen C, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 17.* The time and manner of excusing members of police departments from duty in any town subject to any of the six preceding sections shall be determined by the chief, superintendent or other officer or board at the head of the police department. A member so excused shall be exempt from duty and from attendance at a police station or other place, but otherwise shall be subject to all laws, rules and regulations relating to members of the department to which he belongs. The chief, superintendent or other officer or board at the head of the police department of any such town may, in case of any public emergency, or of any unusual demand for the services of the police in that town, prevent any member of the department from taking the day off at the time

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 147, § 17, etc., amended.

General provisions.

when he is entitled thereto, or at the time assigned therefor, provided that such day off shall be granted to him as soon thereafter as is practicable. In no case shall the number of such days off be less than twelve in each year in a town subject to section fourteen, or twenty-four in each year in a town subject to section fifteen, or forty-five in each year in a town subject to section sixteen, or fifty-two in each year in a town subject to section sixteen A, or sixty in each year in a town subject to section sixteen B, or one hundred and four in each year in a town subject to section sixteen C, and they shall be in addition to any annual vacation now or hereafter allowed to members of the said departments, and such annual vacation shall not be diminished on account thereof.

Approved May 28, 1951.

Chap. 347 AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME FOR FILING APPLICATIONS FOR ABATEMENT OF, AND EXEMPTION FROM, TAXES, AND APPEALS TO THE APPELLATE TAX BOARD, IN RESPECT TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES.

Emergency
preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which in part is to provide that the authority granted thereby may be exercised without delay, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

In respect to properties involved in the case of Knights of Columbus Religious, Educational, Charitable and Benevolent Association of Worcester *v.* Board of Assessors of Worcester, now pending before the appellate tax board under Docket No. 28216, an application for abatement of, or exemption from, taxes assessed for years subsequent to those involved in said appeal, and in the case of The Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts *v.* Board of Assessors of Boston, now pending before said appellate tax board under Docket No. 27255, an appeal for the abatement of, and exemption from, the tax to said board, by filing a petition or petitions with said board for years subsequent to those involved in said appeal, may be filed within thirty days from the date of the final determination of said appeal or appeals by said board or the supreme judicial court, respectively, in each case with the same validity and effect as if filed seasonably pursuant to the provisions of sections fifty-nine, sixty-four and sixty-five of chapter fifty-nine of the General Laws; provided, that the same shall be filed not later than three years after the effective date of this act.

Approved May 28, 1951.