

—“Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one, entitled ‘An Act providing for a five day work week for members of the police department of the town of Nahant’, be accepted?” If a majority of votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, then this act shall take full effect, but not otherwise.

*Approved June 28, 1951.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PLACING OF POISON OR POISONED FOOD FOR THE CONTROL OF RATS, MICE OR OTHER RODENTS. Chap.444

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

Chapter 270 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 3 the following section: — *Section 3A.* Whoever negligently or maliciously places any poison or poisoned food for the control of rats, mice or other rodents in any place where it may cause injury to any human being or domestic animal shall be punished by a fine of twenty-five dollars. The officers charged with the enforcement of the laws relating to fish, birds and mammals under chapter one hundred and thirty-one shall take cognizance of violations of this section and enforce the provisions thereof, and they shall have all powers necessary therefor.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 270. new § 3A. added. Illegal use of poison.

Penalty.

*Approved June 28, 1951.*

AN ACT INCREASING THE FEE FOR THE FILING OF CERTAIN STATEMENTS WITH THE STATE SECRETARY CONCERNING TRUST RECEIPT TRANSACTIONS. Chap.445

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

Subsection 3 of section 13 of chapter 255A of the General Laws, as appearing in chapter 264 of the acts of 1936, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the words “one dollar” and inserting in place thereof the words: — three dollars, — so as to read as follows: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 255A. § 13, etc., amended.

3. The state secretary shall cause each statement filed to be marked with a consecutive file number, and with the date and hour of filing, to be kept in a separate file, and to be noted and indexed in a suitable index, arranged according to the name of the trustee and containing a notation of the trustee’s chief place of business as given in the statement. The fee for filing any such statement shall be three dollars.

Fees.

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AN ACT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ON CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF GAS BY THE BOSTON CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY. Chap.446

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

Chapter 417 of the acts of 1903 is hereby amended by striking out section 6 and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 6.* Said Boston Consolidated Gas

Company shall not contract for the purchase of any gas for a period of more than thirty days without having first proved to the reasonable satisfaction of the department of public utilities at a public hearing that such contract and its terms and conditions are in the public interest. No contract which said Boston Consolidated Gas Company shall make for the purchase of any portion of its gas shall in any respect affect any authority previously or hereafter conferred on said department to fix the price to be charged by said company for gas.

*Approved June 28, 1951.*

**Chap.447** AN ACT RELATIVE TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CITIES AND TOWNS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

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

The fourth paragraph of section 8 of chapter 645 of the acts of 1948, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 528 of the acts of 1950, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 21, the words "been authorized to borrow money" and inserting in place thereof the words:— incurred indebtedness, — so as to read as follows:—

Any city or town which has received, in accordance with the provisions of the preceding section, notice of approval and an estimate of the amount of school construction grant to which such city or town may be entitled, may, during the time this chapter remains in effect, borrow from time to time for said approved school project an amount not exceeding said estimated grant, or such larger amount as may be approved by the emergency finance board established under chapter forty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, and may issue bonds or notes therefor which shall bear on their face the words, (name of city or town) School Project Loan, Act of 1948. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan and such loans shall be paid in not more than twenty years from their dates. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall be in excess of the statutory limit, but shall, except as herein provided, be subject to the applicable provisions of chapter forty-four of the General Laws, exclusive of the limitation contained in the first paragraph of section seven thereof. This paragraph shall not apply to a city or town which has incurred indebtedness outside the limit of indebtedness for school construction purposes since January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six. The members of the aforesaid emergency finance board when acting under this paragraph shall receive from the commonwealth compensation to the same extent as provided under chapter three hundred and sixty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, as amended, including chapter seventy-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five.

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