

paid by him into the general fund established by section one of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on September first in the current year.

*Approved March 27, 1952.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INSPECTION, STAMPING AND BRANDING OF CARCASSES OF CERTAIN ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED WITHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Chap.201*

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

The first paragraph of section 131 of chapter 94 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out, in line 13, as appearing in section 6 of chapter 334 of the acts of 1949, the word "and" and inserting in place thereof the word: — or, — so as to read as follows: — Carcasses of neat cattle, horses, mules, sheep or swine slaughtered without the commonwealth shall be deemed unfit for food, and shall not be sold or offered for sale unless they have been inspected at the time of slaughter by an inspector of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture and have been stamped or branded by said inspector; or, in the case of carcasses slaughtered outside the United States, unless they have been inspected at the time of slaughter in a manner and under certification acceptable to the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture and have subsequently been examined or stamped or branded by said Bureau of Animal Industry.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 94, § 131, etc., amended.

Inspection, etc., of carcasses of certain animals, regulated.

*Approved March 27, 1952.*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES UNDER CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS TO TRANSFER FUNDS FOR EXPENSE PURPOSES.

*Chap.202*

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

Section 14 of chapter 176 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end of the first sentence, as appearing in section 5 of chapter 346 of the acts of 1945, the following: — ; provided, however, that any society having admitted assets as shown by its annual statement filed with the commissioner, in excess of one hundred and five per cent of its entire liabilities, including its required reserves, provided such reserves are at least equivalent to the amount required by the American Experience Table of Mortality with interest at three per cent per annum, may transfer or allocate such excess mortuary funds to the expense fund of the society, in accordance with its constitution and by-laws; but the amount so transferred in any calendar year shall not exceed whichever is the smaller of (a) seventy-five per cent of the savings in mortality of said society during the preceding calendar year or (b) ten per cent of the net mortuary assessments received by the said society in the preceding

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 176, § 14, etc., amended.

Transfer of certain funds by fraternal benefit societies, authorized.