

**Chap. 572.** AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL FOREST FIRE PATROLMEN.

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

Chapter 48 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 28A, as most recently amended by chapter 496 of the acts of 1953, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 28A.* Upon written application of the county commissioners of any county which accepts this section by vote of said commissioners, the forester may appoint, subject to appropriation, such number of additional officers in the division of forests and parks as may be agreed upon by said forester and commissioners in writing. Said officers shall patrol the forests in the towns of such county during those seasons of the year when forest fires are likely to occur therein for the purpose of detecting and preventing such fires and, during other seasons of the year, shall engage in such forest fire prevention work as the forester may designate. One half of the money expended under the provisions of this section as agreed upon between said commissioners and forester in writing shall be repaid to the commonwealth by said county. *Approved July 29, 1963.*

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**Chap. 573.** AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LIABILITY FOR CHARGES FOR CARE OF INFANTS PREMATURELY BORN.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 67C, as most recently amended by chapter 54 of the acts of 1961, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 67C.* Expenses for the care and hospitalization of an infant weighing five pounds or less at birth shall be paid by the parents or guardian or any person bound by law to maintain such infant, if he or they are able to pay; otherwise by the board of health of the town wherein the mother of such infant resides, subject to notice and reimbursement as hereinafter provided. The board of health in the town in which the mother resides shall be responsible for hospitalization expenses incurred in caring for an infant under this section, within ceiling rates established by the department, but no expense shall be reimbursed which was incurred more than thirty days prior to the receipt by such board of health of a written notice or a telephone request, confirmed in writing, from the superintendent or other person in charge of such hospital. Any payments made hereunder by the town may be recovered in contract from the parent, guardian or other person bound by law to maintain such infant, if such person is able to pay.

The commonwealth shall reimburse the board of health of the town wherein the mother resides a sum equal to one half of the expenses incurred under this section.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 111 is hereby further amended by striking out section 67D, as appearing in chapter 332 of the acts of 1937, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 67D.* Sums paid by any town as provided in sections sixty-seven B and sixty-seven C shall not be deemed to have been paid as public relief, and no person shall be deemed to be in receipt of public relief because of his inability to pay such sums.

*Approved July 29, 1963.*