

Chap. 542. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME TO ACQUIRE LAND AND CONSTRUCT A FISHING PIER AT COOK POND IN THE CITY OF FALL RIVER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The division of fisheries and game in the department of natural resources is hereby authorized to acquire land at Cook pond in the city of Fall River and construct thereon a fishing pier.

Approved July 17, 1969.

Chap. 543. AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR INDUCING A MINOR TO UNLAWFULLY ABSENT HIMSELF FROM SCHOOL.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 4 of chapter 76 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word "fifty" and inserting in place thereof the words: — two hundred.

Approved July 17, 1969.

Chap. 544. AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE TERM "FIRE FIGHTER" SO AS TO INCLUDE THE CHIEF AND ALL OTHER FIRE OFFICERS OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after clause Forty-sixth the following clause: —

Forty-seventh, "Fire fighter", "fireman" or "permanent member of a fire department", shall include the chief or other uniformed officer performing similar duties, however entitled, and all other fire officers of a fire department.

SECTION 2. Section 58C of chapter 48 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 62 of the acts of 1969, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "member", in line 1, the words: — , other than the chief,.

Approved July 17, 1969.

Chap. 545. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE FORM OF APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR ABSENT VOTING BALLOTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 87 of chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out in subsection (b), as appearing in section 1 of chapter 368 of the acts of 1966, the first paragraph of the form of application contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following:—

I,, hereby apply for an absent voting ballot. The place of my legal residence (permanent home) is in the city or town of in the state of, and, as I believe, I am a duly registered voter at in the city or town of and
(Street and Number)
entitled to vote at the next state election at ward, precinct,
in said city or town of
.....
(Signature) (Date)

SECTION 2. Said subsection (b) of said section 87 of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the line

reading “ I will call for the ballot at the office of the town or city clerk.” and inserting in place thereof the following:—

Since I have no address outside the city or town from which the ballot may be seasonably returned, I will call for the ballot at the office of the town or city clerk, following certification of this application by the registrars, and will vote upon the ballot in said office, at a time arranged with the clerk.

SECTION 3. Clause (2) of subsection (c) of said section 87 of said chapter 54, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 134 of the acts of 1967, is hereby amended by striking out in the form of affidavit contained therein the words “biennial state election to be held in the current year” and inserting in place thereof the words:— the special state election or biennial state election to be held on.....

SECTION 4. Subsection (f) of said section 87 of said chapter 54, added by chapter 592 of the acts of 1965, is hereby amended by striking out in the form of application contained therein the words “Biennial State Election” and inserting in place thereof the words:— the special state election or the biennial state election to be held on.....

Approved July 17, 1969.

Chap. 546. AN ACT IMPOSING CERTAIN TAXES TO PROVIDE NEEDED REVENUE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH AND A GUARANTEED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION AMOUNT FOR CITIES AND TOWNS.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide funds immediately through the imposition of certain taxes, for the payment of the expenditures of the commonwealth and to provide a guaranteed minimum in the distribution of funds to the cities and towns, 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. Clause (c) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the provision numbered (1), as amended by section 1 of chapter 556 of the acts of 1968, and inserting in place thereof the following provision:—

(1) in the case of taxes imposed by the United States with respect to income from the profession, employment, trade or business, no amount shall be deductible;

SECTION 2. Section 5 of chapter 62B of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 17 of the acts of 1959.

SECTION 3. Section 6 of chapter 64B of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph, as amended by section 1 of chapter 503 of the acts of 1954.

SECTION 4. Section fourteen of chapter sixty-four H of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Section two A of chapter twenty-nine of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Section eighteen of chapter fifty-eight of the General Laws is hereby repealed.