

Chap. 72. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON TO REFUND A CERTAIN SUM OF MONEY COLLECTED BY SAID TOWN ON PERSONAL PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM LOCAL TAXATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of Wilmington is hereby authorized to refund to Wales Co., a corporation organized under the laws of Rhode Island, the sum of twenty-six thousand three hundred and fifty dollars and seventy cents, the same being the amount collected by said town from said corporation as taxes in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-nine upon certain personal property in said town which was exempt from local taxation.

SECTION 2. Any action taken by the town of Wilmington at its annual town meeting held in the current year or at any adjourned session thereof, pursuant to the authority contained in this act, is hereby validated and confirmed as though this act were in full force and effect on the date of the posting of the warrant for such meeting.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 8, 1971.

Chap. 73. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PEPPERELL TO HOLD TOWN MEETINGS IN THE NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL BUILDING IN THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of Pepperell, with the approval of the North Middlesex Regional School District Committee, may hold town meetings or any adjournments thereof at the North Middlesex Regional school building in the town of Townsend, provided that any meeting for the election by official ballot of federal, state or other officials shall be held within the town of Pepperell.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 8, 1971.

Chap. 74. AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR MISUSE OF THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 5 of chapter 264 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 117 of the acts of 1941, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— Whoever publicly burns or otherwise mutilates, tramples upon, defaces or treats contemptuously the flag of the United States or of Massachusetts, whether such flag is public or private property, or whoever displays such flag or any representation thereof upon which are words, figures, advertisements or designs, or whoever causes or permits such flag to be used in a parade as a receptacle for depositing or collecting money or any other article or thing, or whoever exposes to public view, manufactures, sells, exposes for sale, gives away or has in his possession for sale or to give away or for use for any purpose, any article or substance, being an article of merchandise or a receptacle of merchandise