

Chap. 271. AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF A CLAIM WHICH MAY BE DETERMINED UNDER THE SMALL CLAIMS PROCEDURE IN THE DISTRICT COURTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 21 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 106 of the acts of 1970, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 8, the word "three" and inserting in place thereof the word:—four.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on October the first, nineteen hundred and seventy-one.

Approved May 6, 1971.

Chap. 272. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN FISCAL NOTES INDICATING THE ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION SHALL BE INCLUDED IN BILLS REPORTED FAVORABLY BY CERTAIN COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL COURT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 38 the following section:—

Section 38A. Joint committees of the general court and the committees on ways and means of either branch thereof when reporting favorably on bills referred to them shall include therewith a fiscal note prepared in accordance with the provisions of section three A of chapter twenty-nine showing the estimated cost or fiscal effect of the proposed legislation, if such cost of said legislation exceeds one hundred thousand dollars. Such fiscal notes shall be printed in the daily calendars of each branch whenever said bills appear thereon.

SECTION 2. Section 3A of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as amended by section 30 of chapter 704 of the acts of 1969, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "means", in line 4, the words:—or of any joint committee of the general court.

Approved May 6, 1971.

Chap. 273. AN ACT INCREASING CERTAIN FEES TO BE PAID BY DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 15 of chapter 60 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out clause 10, as amended by section 2 of chapter 306 of the acts of 1958, and inserting in place thereof the following clause:—

10. For notice to the delinquent that warrant has been issued, three dollars;.

SECTION 2. Said section 15 of said chapter 60 is hereby further amended by striking out clause 11, as appearing in chapter 398 of the acts of 1952, and inserting in place thereof the following clause:—

11. For exhibiting a warrant or delivering a copy thereof to the delinquent or his representative or leaving it at his last and usual

place of abode or of business, before and without distraint or arrest, seven dollars;.

SECTION 3. Said section 15 of said chapter 60 is hereby further amended by striking out clauses 15 and 16, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following two clauses:—

15. For arresting the body, four dollars, and a sum not exceeding seven dollars, for travel, at the rate of ten cents per mile, from the office of the collector to the place where the arrest is made;

16. For custody of the body arrested, if payment of the delinquent tax is not made forthwith, five dollars, and in addition thereto travel at the rate of ten cents per mile from the place of arrest to the jail or, if payment is made before commitment to jail, for the distance from the place where the arrest is made to the place where payment is made;

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Chap. 274. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE LAW RELATIVE TO REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING OR RETARDING THE ESCAPE OF GAS IN CASE OF FIRE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 75A of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 199 of the acts of 1965, is hereby further amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— Said regulations shall be enforced by the department and may provide that any such gas meter installed on the outside of buildings may be subject to less stringent installation requirements if approved by the department.

Approved May 10, 1971.

Chap. 275. AN ACT AUTHORIZING A JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT TO ORDER THAT A JAIL SENTENCE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO OBEY AN ORDER RELATIVE TO SUPPORT OF A WIFE OR MINOR CHILDREN MAY BE SERVED DURING CERTAIN HOURS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 34 of chapter 215 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:— A judge of the probate court sentencing a person to jail for failure to obey a decree of the court relative to the support of his wife or minor children may order that the sentence be served during such hours as will permit such person to continue his employment.

Approved May 10, 1971.

Chap. 276. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE SENTENCE OF A PERSON CONVICTED OF NONSUPPORT OR CERTAIN RELATED CRIMES MAY BE SERVED DURING CERTAIN HOURS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1 of chapter 273 of the General Laws is hereby further amended by inserting after the first sentence, as most recently amended by chapter 49 of the acts of 1957, the following sentence:— A judge who orders the imprisonment of a person for a violation of this section may order that his sentence be served during such hours as will permit said person to continue his employment.

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