

Chap. 783. AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE TERM "FEDERAL SERVICE PERSONNEL" TO CONFORM WITH THE FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1955, AS AMENDED.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 103B of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 511 of the acts of 1962, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of "Federal service personnel" and inserting in place thereof the following definition:—

"Federal service personnel", those persons in the active service of the armed forces of the United States, and their spouses and dependents; persons in the merchant marine of the United States, and their spouses and dependents; and citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia, and their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them; if otherwise qualified to vote and having the qualifications entitling them to register in the same election district.

Approved September 16, 1971.

Chap. 784. AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR MAKING FALSE REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE LOCATION OF EXPLOSIVES OR OTHER DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF REWARDS TO CERTAIN PERSONS SUPPLYING INFORMATION RELATIVE THERETO.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5 of chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after clause (64), added by chapter 82 of the acts of 1970, the following clause:—

(65) For the purpose of payment of rewards under the provisions of paragraph (b) of section fourteen of chapter two hundred and sixty-nine.

SECTION 2. Chapter 269 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 14, as amended by chapter 322 of the acts of 1958, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 14. (a) Whoever, knowing the same to be false, transmits or causes to be transmitted to any person by telephone or other means a communication falsely reporting the location of any explosive or other dangerous substance or contrivance thereby causing anxiety, unrest, fear or personal discomfort to any person or group of persons shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than twenty years, or by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than two and one half years or by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars or by both such fine and imprisonment in a jail or house of correction.

(b) A city or town may, upon recommendation of its chief law enforcement officer, pay a reward, not to exceed one thousand dollars to any person or persons, other than law enforcement officers, who supply information or assistance in obtaining a conviction under the provisions of this section.

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