

Chap. 235. AN ACT EXTENDING THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT IN ACTIONS OF SUMMARY PROCESS IN GRANTING A STAY OR STAYS OF JUDGMENT AND EXECUTION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 239 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 9, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 26 of the acts of 1967, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 9. In an action of summary process to recover possession of premises occupied for dwelling purposes, other than a room or rooms in a hotel, lodging house or rooming house, where a tenancy has been terminated without fault of the tenant, either by operation of law or by act of the landlord, except by a notice to quit for nonpayment of rent as provided in section twelve of chapter one hundred and eighty-six, a stay or stays of judgment and execution may be granted, as hereinafter provided, for a period not exceeding six months or for periods not exceeding six months in the aggregate, as the court may deem just and reasonable, upon application of the tenant or the surviving spouse, parent or child of a deceased tenant if such spouse, parent or child occupied said premises for dwelling purposes at the time when said tenancy was terminated and such occupancy was not in violation of the terms of the tenancy; provided, however, that a stay or stays of judgment and execution in the case of premises occupied by an employee of a farmer conditioned upon his employment by such farmer and which employment has been legally terminated shall not be granted for a period exceeding two months or for periods exceeding two months in the aggregate.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on September first, nineteen hundred and seventy-two.

Approved May 4, 1972.

Chap. 236. AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE PROPER OBSERVANCES OF CERTAIN PATRIOTIC HOLIDAYS BY THE POLISH LEGION OF AMERICAN VETERANS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Clause (12) of section 5 of chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 38 and 39, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 118 of the acts of 1958, the words "and the Polish-American Veterans of Massachusetts, Inc., and its affiliated posts" and inserting in place thereof the words:— the Polish-American Veterans of Massachusetts, Inc., and its affiliated posts, and the Polish Legion of American Veterans.

Approved May 4, 1972.

Chap. 237. AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORITY OF CONSTABLES TO SERVE CIVIL PROCESS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 92 of chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence, as most recently amended by chapter 1061 of the acts of 1971, and inserting in place thereof the following