

By Mr. Tweedy of Taunton, petition of Talbot T. Tweedy, Albert E. Wood, Arthur E. Young and Francis J. Kelley that adequate salaries be established for inland fish and game conservation officers payable in part from fees received from hunting and fishing licenses. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ADEQUATE SALARIES FOR INLAND FISH AND GAME CONSERVATION OFFICERS PAYABLE IN PART FROM THE FEES RECEIVED FOR HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section seven of chapter twenty-one of the General
2 Laws, as most recently amended by chapter four
3 hundred and thirteen of the acts of nineteen hundred
4 and thirty-seven, is hereby further amended by add-
5 ing after the words "and their compensation shall be
6 paid by the commonwealth", at the end of the first
7 sentence of the section, the following:—The annual
8 salary ranges for conservation officers in the division
9 shall be: chief conservation officer, entering salary
10 three thousand nine hundred dollars, maximum salary
11 four thousand four hundred dollars, and uniform;
12 supervising conservation officer, entering salary three

13 thousand three hundred and fifty dollars, maximum
14 salary three thousand seven hundred and eighty dol-
15 lars, and uniform; conservation officer, entering sal-
16 ary two thousand seven hundred and sixty dollars,
17 maximum salary three thousand two hundred and
18 forty dollars, and uniform; annual step-rate increases
19 of one third the difference between the minimum and
20 maximum salaries for each grade shall be given until
21 the maximum is reached. One half of the salaries
22 provided herein for the conservation officers in the
23 division shall be paid from the inland fisheries and
24 game fund, provided for in section three A of chapter
25 one hundred and thirty-one of the General Laws as
26 amended by chapter five hundred and forty-eight of
27 the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five, — so
28 that said section will read as follows:— *Section 7.*
29 Except as provided in section eight, the director may,
30 subject to the approval of the commissioner, appoint
31 and remove such experts, conservation officers, coastal
32 wardens, deputy coastal wardens, and clerical and
33 other assistants as the work of the division may re-
34 quire, and their compensation shall be paid by the
35 commonwealth. The annual salary ranges for con-
36 servation officers in the division shall be: chief con-
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42 seven hundred and eighty dollars, and uniform; con-
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49 is reached. One half of the salaries provided herein
50 for the conservation officers in the division shall be
51 paid from the inland fisheries and game fund, pro-
52 vided for in section three A of chapter one hundred
53 and thirty-one of the General Laws, as amended by
54 chapter five hundred and forty-eight of the acts of
55 nineteen hundred and forty-five. The director may
56 also, subject to like approval, appoint deputy conserva-
57 tion officers and deputy coastal wardens, who shall
58 serve without compensation.

59 Conservation officers and deputy conservation offi-
60 cers may be authorized by the director, subject to
61 like approval, to exercise the powers and duties of
62 coastal wardens and deputy coastal wardens, and
63 coastal wardens and deputy coastal wardens may be
64 so authorized, subject to like approval, to exercise
65 the powers and duties of conservation officers and
66 deputy conservation officers.

