

- Chap. 270.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING A CITY OR TOWN TO TRANSFER PARKING METER RECEIPTS TO ITS GENERAL FUNDS AS PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES ON CERTAIN MUNICIPALLY OWNED PARKING AREAS AND FACILITIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 22B, as amended by chapter 92 of the acts of 1953, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—*Section 22B.* Any city or town having installed parking meters may acquire off-street parking areas and facilities by purchase, gift, eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine or chapter eighty A, by lease not to exceed five years, or otherwise, and may pay for such acquisition or lease, including the cost of policing, constructing or reconstructing, surfacing, operating and maintaining such areas and facilities, and including any debt incurred for such acquisition, in whole or in part, from any receipts from said parking meters and may in each year transfer or pay into its general funds from said receipts a sum or sums in lieu of taxes for the year in question upon the average assessed valuation of said areas and facilities for the three years immediately prior to the date of said acquisition, determined by multiplying each one thousand dollars of such average valuation or fraction thereof by the tax rate set for said city or town for that year; provided, that the off-street parking areas and facilities are located not more than six hundred feet from a building in which the principal activity is business, commercial, manufacturing or industrial in character, and which building is in a business, commercial, manufacturing or industrial zone, but is not more than six hundred feet from the nearest parking meter of any group of not less than thirty parking meters approved by the department of public works.

Approved May 4, 1959.

- Chap. 271.** AN ACT REPEALING AUTHORIZATION GRANTED THE CITY OF MEDFORD TO TRANSFER CERTAIN LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ITS PARK DEPARTMENT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter seven hundred and forty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-seven is hereby repealed. *Approved May 4, 1959.*

- Chap. 272.** AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TENURE OF OFFICE FOR THE INCUMBENT OF THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF DIGHTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The tenure of office of Charles Mason, the incumbent of the office of chief of police of the town of Dighton, shall be unlimited. Said incumbent shall not be removed from office, lowered in rank or suspended, except for just cause and for reasons specifically given him in writing by the board of selectmen.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of said town of Dighton at the next annual town meeting in the form of the following question which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used for the election of town officers at said meeting:—"Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled 'An Act providing for tenure of office for the incumbent of the office of chief of police of the town of Dighton', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.

Approved May 4, 1959.

Chap. 273. AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN VETERANS WHO HAVE LOST THE SIGHT OF ONE EYE FROM THE PAYMENT OF THE EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED AND REGISTERED BY THEM.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide immediately for an exemption of the payment of the excise on motor vehicles owned and registered by certain disabled veterans, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 60A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the fifth paragraph, as most recently amended by section 4 of chapter 403 of the acts of 1955, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

The excise imposed by this section shall not apply to a motor vehicle owned, operated and registered by a World War I, World War II or Korean veteran who according to the records of the United States Veterans Administration, by reason of service in the armed forces of the United States, has suffered loss, or permanent loss of use of, one or both feet, or loss, or permanent loss of use of, one or both hands; nor to a motor vehicle owned and registered by a World War I, World War II or Korean veteran who is receiving a statutory award from the Veterans Administration for the loss of sight of one eye or who according to the records of the United States Veterans Administration, by reason of service in the armed forces of the United States has suffered permanent impairment of vision of both eyes of the following status: central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye, with corrective glasses, or central visual acuity of more than 20/200 if there is a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than twenty degrees in the better eye. This exemption shall apply only to motor vehicles owned or operated for the personal, non-commercial use of said veterans.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, and shall apply to the excise levied in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-nine and subsequent years.

Approved May 5, 1959.