

cate of the veterinarian who spayed the dog cannot be obtained, he may accept and file in lieu thereof a statement signed under the penalties of perjury by a veterinarian registered and practicing in the commonwealth, describing the dog and stating that he has examined such dog and that it appears to have been, and in his opinion has been, spayed and thereby deprived of the power of propagation.

Evidence of spaying of female dog.

*Approved February 2, 1956.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VACATION SALARY OR WAGES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

*Chap. 45*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section 111E of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 13 of the acts of 1954, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following sentence:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 41, § 111E, etc., amended.

— The provisions of this section shall also apply to any person not subject to any of the aforesaid sections whose service is terminated as aforesaid without his having been granted the vacation to which he is entitled under a by-law, ordinance or executive order; provided, that such by-law, ordinance or executive order so provides. *Approved February 2, 1956.*

Vacation salary or wages of certain municipal officers and employees.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DATE AT WHICH MEMBERS OF THE REGULAR OR PERMANENT POLICE AND FIRE FORCES IN CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS SHALL BECOME ENTITLED TO A VACATION.

*Chap. 46*

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose which is to provide for the establishment of a date at which certain members of the police and fire forces of a city or town shall become entitled to an annual vacation, and to make the benefits thereof available in the current year, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Emergency preamble.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section 111A of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 172 of the acts of 1949, is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 41, § 111A, etc., amended.

In any city or town which accepts this section or has accepted corresponding provisions of earlier law, on April first in each year every member of its regular or permanent police or fire force who has been such for at least six months shall become entitled to a vacation of not less than two weeks during such year, without loss of pay. Such vacation shall be granted at such time or times as in the opinion of the board or officer in charge of such force will cause the least interference with the performance of the regular work of such force. *Approved February 6, 1956.*

Vacations for regular or permanent police and firemen.