

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT FOR ACCIDENTAL DIS-
ABILITY OF HENRY A. MARONI, A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE
TOWN OF ATHOL. *Chap.442*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of general or special law, and notwithstanding any action taken by the board of retirement of the town of Athol with reference to the retirement of Henry A. Maroni, a former member of the fire department of said town, the appropriate retiring authority in said town shall provide that said Henry A. Maroni be examined by a medical panel, consisting of three physicians, to be selected as follows:— one to be designated by the chief of the fire department, one to be designated by the commissioner of public health and who shall, so far as practicable, be skilled in the particular branch of medicine or surgery as may be involved in the case of said Maroni, and a third to be designated by the said Maroni. If the retiring authority finds from all the evidence and the report of the medical panel that said Maroni became permanently disabled because of injuries sustained through no fault of his own while in the actual performance of his duties as a member of the fire department of said town, then it shall increase his retirement allowance to the amount he would have received had he been retired at two thirds of the highest annual compensation received by him at the time of his retirement; provided, however, that such increased allowance shall be paid only from the date of the finding of said medical panel and shall not be retroactive to the time of his original retirement.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the town meeting members of the town of Athol present and voting thereon at a regular or special town meeting, but not otherwise.

Approved June 14, 1957.

AN ACT INCREASING THE LICENSE FEE UNDER THE "MOTOR
FUEL SALES ACT". *Chap.443*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 94 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 295B, as amended by chapter 497 of the acts of 1950, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 295B.* No retail dealer shall engage in the business of selling motor fuel at retail without first procuring from the division a license for each station, store, garage or other establishment at which his said business is to be conducted. Licenses issued under this section shall be issued upon written application to the division, shall be issued only to persons who own the business to be licensed and who are the owners or lessees of the premises on which the business is to be conducted, shall be effective from the

date of their issuance until the first day of January of the ensuing year, and shall be renewed annually. A license fee of ten dollars shall be paid for the issuance of every such license and every renewal thereof.

Each licensee shall conspicuously display his license at the station, store, garage or other establishment to which it pertains. The requirements of this section with respect to licenses are hereby declared to be in addition to, and not in substitution for, license requirements contained in any other statute, ordinance, by-law, rule or regulation.

The expenses incurred by the division in the administration and enforcement of sections two hundred and ninety-five A to two hundred and ninety-five O, inclusive, in any fiscal year shall not be in excess of the receipts from license fees under said sections paid into the state treasury by the division during such fiscal year.

The division shall forthwith notify the commissioner of corporations and taxation in writing of all licenses issued, renewed, transferred, modified, cancelled or suspended by it.

Approved June 14, 1957.

Chap. 444 AN ACT RELATIVE TO LOCAL TAXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS OF COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS TO WHICH THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS GRANTED FREE USE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the commonwealth in the interest of the needs of national defense and for the development of air commerce and private flying, to encourage the establishment of privately owned airports and air navigation facilities the use of which is available to the public without charge. The purpose of this act is to encourage the establishment and development of privately owned airports and air navigation facilities which are providing service to the public at no cost, by granting tax exemption on the value of improvements on or to the landing area.

SECTION 2. Section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after clause Thirty-seventh, added by chapter 379 of the acts of 1953, the following clause: —

Thirty-eighth, In determining the valuation, for city and town tax purposes, of any privately owned airport, the value of any improvements on or to the landing area shall not be included, so long as the owner grants free use of said landing area to the general public for the landing, taking off and taxiing of aircraft; provided, said airport meets the minimum requirements set forth by the Massachusetts aeronautics commission in rules and regulations issued under section thirty-nine, chapter ninety, and is certified by the Massachusetts aeronautics commission to be included within the needs of civil aeronautics as established by the state airport plan prepared under section thirty-nine A of chapter ninety,