

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POWERS OF THE AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY. *Chap. 43*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 28 of the acts of 1843 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words “, the clear annual income of which shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars” and inserting in place thereof the words: — to the amount permitted by the General Laws, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 2.* The said corporation is authorized to hold real or personal estate to the amount permitted by the General Laws.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 335 of the acts of 1891, as amended by section 1 of chapter 68 of the Special Acts of 1918, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words “state or territory of the United States and in the District of Columbia” and inserting in place thereof the words: — place or places which may be designated by its governing body, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* The American Oriental Society, a corporation organized under the laws of this commonwealth, is hereby authorized to hold its meetings in any place or places which may be designated by its governing body.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved February 7, 1955.

AN ACT REPEALING THE PROVISION OF LAW REQUIRING SPECIAL LICENSES FOR OPERATORS OF MOTION PICTURE MACHINES IN CHURCHES, SCHOOLHOUSES AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON TO BEAR THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER OF SAID CITY. *Chap. 44*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 143 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 85, as most recently amended by section 7 of chapter 553 of the acts of 1941, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 85.* Notwithstanding any provision of sections seventy-two to eighty-four, inclusive, the commissioner of public safety, upon application accompanied by a fee of three dollars, may grant special licenses for operators of motion picture machines in churches, schoolhouses or public institutions which in his opinion are in safe condition for said exhibitions, and he may prescribe regulations for the proper conduct of the same.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 143, § 85, etc., amended.

Issuance of certain licenses for motion picture operators, regulated.

Approved February 7, 1955.

AN ACT PLACING CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF ACTON UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS. *Chap. 45*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. David Scribner and Warren Birch, police officers of the police department of the town of Acton, shall, upon the effective date of this act, become subject to the

civil service laws and rules relating to police officers in towns, and their tenure of office shall be unlimited, subject, however, to said laws; provided, that they pass a qualifying examination to which they shall be subjected by the division of civil service.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved February 9, 1955.

Chap. 46 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ALLEVIATION OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL BURDENS IMPOSED BY THE HURRICANES OF AUGUST THIRTY-FIRST AND SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR.

Emergency
preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide immediately for the relief of the disasters caused by the hurricanes of August thirty-first and September eleventh, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, 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 689 of the acts of 1954 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words "area stricken by the hurricane of August thirty-first of the current year" and inserting in place thereof the words:— areas stricken by the hurricanes of August thirty-first and September eleventh, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 689 is hereby further amended by striking out section 4 and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 4.* The commonwealth shall reimburse, subject to the approval of a board consisting of the director of civil defense, the director of accounts of the department of corporations and taxation and the commissioner of administration, the political subdivisions of the commonwealth affected by the hurricanes of August thirty-first and September eleventh, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, annually an amount equal to their obligations of repayment of any indebtedness incurred under the provisions of chapter six hundred and thirty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty, as amended, or incurred under the provisions of section thirty-six A of chapter thirty-five or of clause (9) of section eight of chapter forty-four of the General Laws as a result of an emergency created by said hurricanes, and shall reimburse them for any expenditures from available funds and from sums raised by taxation for the purposes authorized under said chapter six hundred and thirty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty, as amended, or authorized under the provisions of section thirty-one of chapter forty-four of the General Laws as a result of an emergency created by said hurricanes; provided, that the total amount to be paid by the commonwealth for such purposes shall not exceed twelve million dollars.