

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect in a city having a Plan E charter when accepted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the city council, and in the case of other cities by vote of the council, subject to the provisions of its charter, and in a town by a majority vote at an annual town meeting.

*Approved June 7, 1954.*

*Chap.574* AN ACT RELATIVE TO APPEALS TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION FROM THE ACTIONS OF LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITIES.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 138, § 67, etc., amended.

Section 67 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 672 of the acts of 1953, is hereby further amended by striking out the last two paragraphs and inserting in place thereof the following three paragraphs: —

Powers and duties of the alcoholic beverages control commission on appeals.

If the local licensing authorities fail to suspend, revoke, cancel or declare forfeited a license or to perform any other disciplinary act when lawfully ordered so to do by the commission upon appeal or otherwise, within such reasonable time as it may prescribe, the commission may itself revoke such license or perform such act, with the same force and effect as if issued or performed by the local licensing authorities, but no license shall be issued by the commission except in ratification of a prior issuance to the same party by the local authorities. In case said local authorities are unwilling to issue a license to any of the applicants before it, then such issuance shall be withheld pending further applications, and no application by the same applicant to be exercised on the same premises shall be received within one year of the date of his last prior application.

Hearings by the commission on appeals as required by the provisions of this section may be held in the discretion of the commission when required by public convenience or shall be held upon written request of twenty-five persons who are taxpayers of the city or town in which the license is intended to be exercised, in the nearest of the following cities or towns to the city or town in which the license is intended to be exercised: — Pittsfield, Greenfield, Springfield, Worcester, Fitchburg, Boston, Barnstable, New Bedford, Brockton, Lowell or Salem.

Upon the receipt of such appeal the commission shall forthwith notify the local licensing authorities thereof by mailing registered mail and said request shall be made within ten days of such mailing.

*Approved June 7, 1954.*

*Chap.575* AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PORT OF BOSTON COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO A LEASE OF THE ARMY BASE FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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

SECTION 1. The Port of Boston Commission is hereby authorized to lease from the United States of America,