

any military right, or be segregated in such militia, land forces or naval forces, because of race, color or national origin.

military forces of commonwealth. Effective date.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on March first, nineteen hundred and fifty.

Approved June 7, 1949.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD TO CHARGE FOR ADMISSION TO SEASIDE PARK DURING THE CELEBRATION OF THE THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

Chap.399

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of Marblehead, acting by its selectmen or its anniversary committee, is hereby authorized to charge a fee for admission to Seaside park in said town during the celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the town in August of the current year.

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

Approved June 7, 1949.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE RETIRING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWTON TO INCREASE THE PENSION OF EDWARD A. MOAN OF SAID NEWTON.

Chap.400

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The retiring authority of the city of Newton may increase the pension of Edward A. Moan of said city, now retired under the authority of section fifty-eight of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, by an amount not to exceed one half of the highest rate of bonus paid to him in any one year by said city prior to his retirement.

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

Approved June 7, 1949.

AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS FROM THE PAYMENT OF THE EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED, OPERATED AND REGISTERED BY THEM.

Chap.401

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is, in part, to exempt certain disabled veterans from the payment in the current year of the excise on motor vehicles owned by them, 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 1 of chapter 60A of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 342 of the acts of the current year, is hereby further amended by inserting after the fourth paragraph the following paragraph:—

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 60A, § 1, etc., amended.

The excise imposed by this section shall not apply to a motor vehicle owned, operated and registered by a veteran of World War II who has incurred the loss, or loss of use, of

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one or both legs, and who shall have previously registered a motor vehicle awarded to him under an act of the Seventy-ninth Congress by reason of such disability.

Approved June 7, 1949.

Chap. 402 AN ACT REVISING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORTH ADAMS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 148 of the acts of 1895 is hereby amended by striking out section 9, as amended by section 4 of chapter 327 of the acts of 1947, and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 9.* The city council shall consist of nine councilmen who shall be elected at large by the voters of the city, as follows: —

At the biennial municipal election in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one and at each biennial municipal election thereafter, there shall be elected nine members for a term of two years.

The term of all twenty-one councilmen elected in the year nineteen hundred and forty-nine shall expire on the first Monday of January in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

At the biennial municipal election in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one and at each biennial municipal election thereafter no voter shall vote for more than seven of the nine councilmen to be elected thereat for a term of two years and the number having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

On the second Tuesday prior to every biennial municipal election the city clerk shall determine by lot the order in which the names of the candidates for election to the city council shall appear on the ballot. The candidates shall be notified of such drawing and shall be allowed to be present thereat in person or by their representatives.

The city council shall annually, at the first meeting in January, elect by ballot one of their members president of the council.

SECTION 2. Section 13 of said chapter 148 is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following: — The members of the city council shall receive the sum of ten dollars for each meeting of the council attended but the total amount for all meetings attended shall not be in any year in excess of ten per cent of the salary of the mayor.

SECTION 3. Section 29 of said chapter 148, as amended by section 11 of chapter 103 of the acts of 1918, is hereby further amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following: — The mayor shall have the sole power of appointment to all the municipal offices established by or under this act, including officers and members of the fire and police departments, unless herein otherwise provided;