

*Chap.*301 AN ACT AUTHORIZING INCREASES IN THE AMOUNTS OF PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO CERTAIN RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BOSTON AND COUNTY OF SUFFOLK AND THEIR BENEFICIARIES.

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

SECTION 1. The Boston retirement board, or other appropriate retiring authority, may increase by the amount of one hundred and twenty dollars per annum, effective upon such date as the mayor of the city of Boston may fix, the present annual pension or retirement allowance of all former employees and of all beneficiaries of deceased employees of the city of Boston and of the county of Suffolk who were retired prior to October first, nineteen hundred and forty-six; provided, that such increase shall not be made in the case of a pension or retirement allowance which is nine hundred dollars or more per annum; and, provided further, that no pension or retirement allowance shall be increased hereunder by an amount which will make the same exceed nine hundred dollars per annum.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance, during the current year, by vote of the city council of said city, subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

*Approved May 10, 1948.*

*Chap.*302 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPORTING, HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING LICENSES.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 131, § 6, etc., amended.

Sporting, hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, form, contents.

SECTION 1. Chapter 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 6, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 599 of the acts of 1941, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 6.* Upon the application of any person entitled to receive a sporting, hunting, fishing or trapping license and upon payment of the fee specified therefor in this chapter and the furnishing of an affidavit by any non-resident desiring to be classified under clause (1) of section eight, the director or the clerk of any city or town shall issue to such person a sporting, hunting, fishing or trapping license, as the case may be, in the form prescribed upon a blank furnished by the division. Subject to existing laws, a sporting license shall authorize the licensee to hunt birds and mammals and to fish, a fishing license shall authorize the licensee to fish only, a hunting license shall authorize the licensee to hunt only, and a trapping license shall authorize the licensee to trap mammals only. Each license issued hereunder shall bear, in addition to any other data, the name, place of residence, citizenship, birthplace, identifying description and the age of the licensee, a statement that the holder has not been found guilty of, or convicted of or penalized in any manner for, a violation of this chapter or any provision thereof, or of any corresponding provision

of earlier laws, within one year of the date of the license, and a written declaration, signed by the licensee under the penalties of perjury, that the data and statements contained in the license are true. Each applicant shall appear in person before the director or the clerk of any city or town issuing such license, except that in the case of a renewal thereof the previous year's license may be accepted by the director or the clerk of any city or town in lieu of a personal appearance of the applicant. Each license shall be valid for use to and including the following December thirty-first, unless sooner revoked. No person holding a sporting, hunting, fishing or trapping license shall transfer or loan such license, and every holder thereof shall, while fishing, hunting or trapping, carry upon his person his license authorizing him so to do and shall produce it for examination upon the demand of any conservation officer, deputy, warden, or other officer qualified to serve criminal process, or upon the demand of an owner or lessee of land upon which the licensee is fishing, hunting or trapping, or upon the demand of the agent of such owner or lessee. Whoever, upon such demand, fails or refuses to produce a license authorizing him so to fish, hunt or trap, as the case may be, or whoever for the purpose of procuring any such license falsely makes any representation or statement required by this section, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than one month, or both.

Penalty.

SECTION 2. Section 16 of said chapter 131, as most recently amended by chapter 193 of the acts of 1947, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following: — Any license not signed as required by section six and used by any person while hunting, fishing or trapping, as the case may be, shall be seized by any officer empowered to enforce this chapter and immediately forwarded to the director. Such license shall be returned to the licensee only upon his application to the director, and upon giving definite proof that the license was his property and the signing thereof in the presence of the director or his agent.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 131, § 16, etc., amended.

Unsigned licenses.

*Approved May 10, 1948.*

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CONTROL MEASURES AGAINST INSECTS AND DISEASES ON PLANTS AND PARTS THEREOF COMING INTO THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Chap. 303*

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 128 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 21, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 21.* The director, either personally or through his assistants, may inspect at its point of destination all nursery stock coming into the commonwealth, and if such stock is found to be infested with injurious insects or plant disease he may cause it to be de-

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 128, § 21, amended.

Director may inspect all stock and fruits coming into commonwealth. Destruction, etc., regulated.