

be specially benefited as aforesaid has been alienated between the date of such construction and the date of passage of this act, said town shall assume the assessments thereon. Every assessment made hereunder upon any such parcel, except one assumed by the town as aforesaid, shall constitute a lien on such parcel from the date of recording of the statement aforesaid. Except as herein otherwise provided, the provisions of general law shall apply to such assessments.

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

Approved May 27, 1948.

Chap. 398 AN ACT PERMITTING SPECIAL JUSTICES OF DISTRICT COURTS, INCLUDING THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, TO PERFORM EACH OTHER'S DUTIES WHEN NECESSARY AND CONVENIENT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 218, § 40, amended.

Justices and special justices of the district courts may perform each other's duties.

SECTION 1. Section 40 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the fourth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— Justices of district courts, except the municipal court of the city of Boston, may perform each other's duties when necessary or convenient, and special justices of district courts, including the municipal court of the city of Boston, may perform each other's duties when necessary or convenient, provided that no special justice of a district court other than of the municipal court of the city of Boston shall sit in said municipal court except upon the request of the chief justice thereof.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 218, § 52, amended.

Special justices may sit in special or regular sessions in certain instances.

SECTION 2. Section 52 of said chapter 218, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "justice", in line 6, the words:— of the court or, with the assent of the chief justice, of any other district court, — so that the third sentence will read as follows:— A special justice of the court or, with the assent of the chief justice, of any other district court may hold any such additional session at the request of the chief justice or senior associate as aforesaid, or a regular session at the request of the justice whose duty it may be to hold it, or, in case of the illness or absence of any justice, or a vacancy, at the request of any justice.

Approved May 27, 1948.

Chap. 399 AN ACT RELATIVE TO LICENSES TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 8, etc., amended.

License valid for two years.

SECTION 1. Section 8 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 284 of the acts of 1937, is hereby further amended by striking out the next to the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:— All licenses issued to operators shall be valid for two years only from the date of issue.

SECTION 2. Section 33 of said chapter 90, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the paragraph contained in lines 85 to 87, inclusive, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 33, etc., amended.

For every license to operate motor vehicles or any renewal thereof, four dollars, but no fee shall be collected for the renewal of a special license to operate motor-propelled fire apparatus.

Fees.

SECTION 3. This act shall apply to licenses issued after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

Application.

Approved May 27, 1948.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE TAKING OF FISH FROM THE INLAND WATERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH. Chap. 400

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 14 of chapter 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the fifth paragraph, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 599 of the acts of 1941, the following paragraph: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 131, § 14, etc., amended.

Occupy not more than two great ponds within the commonwealth at any one time for the purpose of scientific study or experiment; make rules and regulations relative to fishing within said waters, such rules and regulations being subject to section thirty-seven of chapter thirty; provide a penalty, consisting of a fine not to exceed twenty dollars, for any violation of any such rule or regulation; and from time to time close or open such waters, or any part thereof, for fishing.

Taking of fish, regulated.

Approved May 27, 1948.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO COMBINING THE CEMETERY COMMISSION AND THE PARK COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LYNNFIELD. Chap. 401

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in the town of Lynnfield a park and cemetery commission, to consist of three members. The initial members thereof shall be elected, one to serve for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, from the date of the annual meeting at which they are elected, and thereafter when the term of any member expires, his successor shall be elected to serve for three years. In all cases the members shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. The members of said commission shall, after each election, elect one of their members to act as chairman for the ensuing year. If a vacancy occurs in said commission, the remaining members may fill such vacancy until the next annual town meeting, when a new member shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.