

the case, the court sitting in any convenient county shall resentence the defendant or make any other disposition of the case ordered by the appellate division. Time served on a sentence appealed from shall be deemed to have been served on a substituted sentence.

Effective date. SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on September first in the current year. *Approved April 25, 1945.*

*Chap.256* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPROVAL OF COMPETENT OPERATORS TO HANDLE DISPLAYS OF FIREWORKS.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 148, § 39A, etc., amended.

Permits for displays of fireworks.

Section thirty-nine A of chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the General Laws, inserted by section two of chapter two hundred and ninety-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-three, is hereby amended by striking out, in the eighth line, the words "chiefs of the police and fire departments," and inserting in place thereof the words:— chief of the fire department, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 39A.* The marshal shall make rules and regulations for the granting of permits for supervised displays of fireworks by municipalities, fair associations, amusement parks and other organizations or groups of individuals. Such rules and regulations shall provide in part that (a) every such display shall be handled by a competent operator to be approved by the chief of the fire department or officer or officers having similar powers and duties, of the municipality in which the display is to be held and shall be of such a character, and so located, discharged or fired as, in the opinion of the chief of the fire department or the officer or officers having similar powers and duties, after proper inspection, not to be hazardous to property or to endanger any person or persons, (b) application for permits shall be made in writing at least fifteen days in advance of the date of the display, and (c) no permit so granted shall be transferable.

*Approved April 25, 1945.*

*Chap.257* AN ACT AUTHORIZING A CORPORATION KNOWN AS TRUSTEES OF THE MINISTERIAL FUND OF THE AMHERST NORTH PARISH TO TRANSFER THE FUNDS IN ITS CUSTODY TO THE NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF AMHERST.

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

SECTION 1. In so far as authorized by a decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, and in compliance with the terms and conditions of such decree, the corporation known as Trustees of the Ministerial Fund of Amherst North Parish may convey and transfer, and the corporation known as The North Congregational Church of Amherst may receive from said first-mentioned corporation a conveyance and transfer of, and administer, all funds and other property held by said first-mentioned corporation under authority of

chapter one hundred and fifteen of the acts of eighteen hundred and twenty-six, as amended, or under any other legal authority; provided, that said The North Congregational Church of Amherst shall administer all funds received under authority of this act in accordance with the pertinent provisions of said chapter one hundred and fifteen, as amended, and the provisions of the aforesaid decree.

SECTION 2. This act shall not take full effect until it shall have been accepted on the part of the corporations known as Trustees of the Ministerial Fund of Amherst North Parish and as The North Congregational Church of Amherst by vote of the boards of directors thereof, or of such other officers or boards thereof as may be legally empowered to take such action in their behalf, and a certified copy of each of said votes shall have been filed with the clerk of the town of Amherst and with the state secretary.

*Approved April 25, 1945.*

AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN PERSONS DISCHARGED FROM THE MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE PAYMENT OF A FEE FOR A COMPETENCY EXAMINATION TO RENEW A LICENSE TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES. Chap.258

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

SECTION 1. No fee shall be charged or collected for an examination for the renewal of a license to operate motor vehicles which expires while the holder thereof is serving in the military or naval forces of the United States in World War II if application for such renewal is made by such holder within six months after the termination of such service, notwithstanding the requirements of section thirty-three of chapter ninety of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of November first, nineteen hundred and forty-four.

*Approved April 25, 1945.*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO MAKE NECESSARY RENOVATIONS IN THE SO-CALLED HOUGHTON AND DUTTON BUILDING. Chap.259

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of making such renovations and improvements in the so-called Houghton and Dutton Building, Boston, as may be necessary to make quarters in said building acceptable for renting purposes to various government agencies, the city of Boston may borrow from time to time such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, three hundred thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor, which shall bear on their face the words, Board of Real Estate Commissioners Renovation Loan, Act of 1945. Each authorized issue shall constitute