

**Chap.555** AN ACT RELATIVE TO MEDICAL TREATMENT OF PRISONERS  
AFFLICTED WITH CERTAIN COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

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

G. L. (Ter.  
Ed.), 111,  
§ 121,  
amended.

Treatment  
of venereal  
diseases and  
tuberculosis  
in certain  
institutions.

Chapter one hundred and eleven of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section one hundred and twenty-one, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 121.* An inmate of a public charitable institution or a prisoner in a penal institution who is afflicted with syphilis, gonorrhoea or pulmonary tuberculosis shall be forthwith placed under medical treatment, and if, in the opinion of the attending physician, it is necessary, he shall be isolated until danger of contagion is passed or the physician determines his isolation unnecessary. If at the expiration of a prisoner's sentence he is afflicted with syphilis, gonorrhoea or pulmonary tuberculosis in its contagious or infectious stages, or if, in the opinion of the attending physician of the institution or of such physician as the authorities thereof may consult, his release would be dangerous to public health, he shall be placed under medical treatment in the institution where he has been confined. Thereupon the authorities of such institution shall notify the department of public welfare of his condition and said department shall provide for his hospitalization and medical care at an institution until, in the opinion of the attending physician of the institution wherein he is being treated, the symptoms have disappeared and his release will not endanger the public health. Notice of a prisoner's release hereunder to the department of public welfare shall be made to the department of public health. The expense of his support, not exceeding three dollars and fifty cents a week, shall be paid by the town where he has a settlement, after notice of the expiration of his sentence and of his condition to the board of public welfare thereof, or, if he is a state charge, by the commonwealth after like notice to the department of public welfare.

*Approved July 9, 1945.*

**Chap.556** AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COLLECTION OF THE EXCISE ON  
SALES OF GASOLINE AND CERTAIN OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE  
FUEL.

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

G. L. (Ter.  
Ed.), 64A, § 4,  
etc., amended.

Section four of chapter sixty-four A of the General Laws, as amended by section one of chapter four hundred and thirty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following paragraph:—

Monthly  
returns and  
payment of  
excise.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to allow distributors making returns and payments to the commissioner as aforesaid, as compensation for services rendered by such distributors in compliance with the provisions of this chapter, an amount equal to the actual cost of collecting the

excise, but not exceeding one per cent of the excise so collected and paid to the commissioner; provided, that no distributor shall be entitled to receive any payment as compensation or otherwise as aforesaid except in accordance with such classification and regulations as the commissioner may prescribe, and unless such distributor shall, in addition to the return hereinabove referred to, have furnished to the commissioner any further information required by him respecting said return, to be set forth in such form and with such verification as he may require and approve.

*Approved July 9, 1945.*

AN ACT FURTHER EXTENDING TEMPORARY SURTAXES ON *Chap. 557*  
CERTAIN SUBJECTS OF EXISTING TAXATION.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby imposed, in addition to the taxes levied under the provisions of chapter sixty-two of the General Laws, and all acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, taxes levied under the provisions of section nine of chapter three hundred and seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, as amended, and taxes levied under the provisions of sections thirty to sixty, inclusive, of chapter sixty-three of the General Laws, and all acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, an additional tax equal to ten per cent of the taxes assessed under the provisions of said sections, acts and chapters in or on account of each of the calendar years nineteen hundred and forty-seven and nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and all provisions of law relative to the assessment, payment, collection and abatement of the said taxes shall apply to the taxes imposed by this section.

SECTION 2. All property subject to a legacy and succession tax under the provisions of chapter sixty-five of the General Laws, and of any further amendments thereof or additions thereto, shall be subject to an additional tax of ten per cent of all taxes imposed by said provisions with respect to property or interests therein passing or accruing upon the death of persons who die during the period beginning July first, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and ending December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and forty-eight. All provisions of law relative to the determination, certification, payment, collection and abatement of such legacy and succession taxes shall apply to the additional tax imposed by this section.

SECTION 3. Surtaxes imposed hereby shall be in addition to surtaxes imposed by sections nine and nine A of chapter seven hundred and twenty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one. In the computation of surtaxes imposed hereby, the amount of surtaxes imposed by said sections shall be excluded.

SECTION 4. All taxes provided by this act shall be retained by the commonwealth. *Approved July 9, 1945.*