

machinery or appliances, or any car or vehicle, of a railroad, railway or other carrier of passengers under its jurisdiction, and the name of the complainant shall not be divulged.

Approved July 18, 1945.

Chap. 648 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE OF HAROLD W. MCKELVEY OF WATERTOWN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The retirement allowance of Harold W. McKelvey of Watertown, formerly an employee of the division of insurance in the department of banking and insurance, and who has recently been retired for accidental disability, is hereby increased from one half the amount of his regular compensation at the time of the accident on account of which he was retired to one half his regular compensation at the time of his retirement.

Approved July 18, 1945.

Chap. 649 AN ACT TO MAKE UNIFORM THE LAW RELATIVE TO VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS AND TRUSTS CONTROLLING COMMON CARRIERS AND OTHER PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 182, § 3, amended.

SECTION 1. Section three of chapter one hundred and eighty-two of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in the second line, the words "gas or electric company" and inserting in place thereof the words: — railroad, street railway, electric railroad, elevated railway, gas, electric or water company, or corporation engaged in the common carriage of passengers by motor vehicle, — so as to read as follows: —

Copy of declaration, etc., of association or trust owning or controlling stock of common carriers and other public utilities to be filed with commissioner.

SECTION 3. The trustees of an association or trust who own or control a majority of the capital stock of a railroad, street railway, electric railroad, elevated railway, gas, electric or water company, or corporation engaged in the common carriage of passengers by motor vehicle shall also file a copy of the written instrument or declaration of trust creating it with the department and shall also within thirty days after the adoption of any amendment of such instrument or declaration file a copy thereof with the department. Every such trustee who fails to comply with the foregoing requirements shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for three months.

Penalty.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 182, § 4, amended.

SECTION 2. Section four of said chapter one hundred and eighty-two, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in the second and third lines, the words "gas or electric company" and inserting in place thereof the words: — electric railroad, elevated railway, gas, electric or water company, or corporation engaged in the common carriage of passengers by motor vehicle, — and by inserting after the word "company" in the fifth and in the sixth lines, in each in-

stance, the words: — or corporation, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 4.* The trustees of an association or trust who own or control a majority of the capital stock of a railroad, street railway, electric railroad, elevated railway, gas, electric or water company, or corporation engaged in the common carriage of passengers by motor vehicle shall annually on or before April first file with the commissioner and with the department a statement showing the number of shares of such company or corporation owned or controlled by them and the stockholders of record on the books of such company or corporation in whose names such shares are held. Every such trustee who fails to comply with this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for three months.

Annual statements.

Penalty.

SECTION 3. Section seven of said chapter one hundred and eighty-two, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in the fifth and sixth lines, the words “or gas or electric company” and inserting in place thereof the words: — , gas, electric or water company, or corporation engaged in the common carriage of passengers by motor vehicle, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 7.* The department may by its members or duly authorized employees investigate and examine the books, accounts, contracts, records and memoranda of the trustees of any association or trust, who own or hold the capital stock or any part thereof of a railroad, street railway, electric railroad or elevated railway corporation, gas, electric or water company, or corporation engaged in the common carriage of passengers by motor vehicle, and may require said trustees to furnish such reports and information as the department shall from time to time direct with respect to the relations and dealings between such trustees and any such corporation or company.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 182, § 7, amended.

Investigation and examination by department.

SECTION 4. Section eight of said chapter one hundred and eighty-two, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in the sixth line and in the eighth and ninth lines, the words “or gas or electric company” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the words: — , gas, electric or water company, or company engaged in the common carriage of passengers by motor vehicle, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 8.* The department may by its members or duly authorized employees investigate and examine the books, accounts, contracts, records and memoranda of any partnership, express trust, voluntary association or corporation which is under the same ownership, control or management as a railroad, street railway, electric railroad or elevated railway corporation, gas, electric or water company, or company engaged in the common carriage of passengers by motor vehicle, in respect of the relations and of any contracts and dealings between such railroad, street railway, electric railroad or elevated railway corporation, gas, electric or water company, or company engaged in the common carriage of passengers by motor

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 182, § 8, amended.

Investigation and examination of corporation, etc., under same management as common carrier or public service corporation.

vehicle and such partnership, express trust, voluntary association or corporation, and in relation thereto may require from such partnership, express trust, voluntary association or corporation such reports and information as the department shall from time to time direct.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 182, § 9, amended.

SECTION 5. Section nine of said chapter one hundred and eighty-two, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in the second line, the words "gas or electric company" and inserting in place thereof the words:— gas, electric or water company, or corporation engaged in the common carriage of passengers by motor vehicle, — and by striking out, in the third and fourth lines, the words "the two preceding sections" and inserting in place thereof the words:— sections seven and eight, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 9.* A railroad, street railway, electric railroad, elevated railway, gas, electric or water company, or corporation engaged in the common carriage of passengers by motor vehicle, or a partnership or corporation or the trustees of an express trust or voluntary association, described in sections seven and eight, which refuses or neglects to submit its or their books, accounts, contracts, records and memoranda to the investigation and examination of the department, or to furnish such reports and information as it shall from time to time direct and require, shall be punished by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars.

Approved July 18, 1945.

Chap. 650 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ERECTION, BY THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION, OF A SHELTER IN WEST ROXBURY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The metropolitan district commission is authorized and directed to construct, within sixty days after the passage of this act, at a cost of not over fifteen hundred dollars, on land owned by said commission at the northeast corner of the intersection of Washington street and Stony Brook reservation, so called, opposite LaGrange street in West Roxbury, a shelter for use by the public.

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

Approved July 19, 1945.

Chap. 651 AN ACT GRANTING TO THE TOWN OF BILLERICA AN EASEMENT IN CERTAIN STATE-OWNED LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A STANDPIPE AND WATER DISTRIBUTION WORKS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The commissioner of conservation, acting for and in behalf of the commonwealth, may, from time to time, subject to the approval of the governor and council, and by instrument or instruments approved as to form by the attorney general, convey to the town of Billerica any

Penalty for refusing to submit to examination, etc.