

AN ACT PENALIZING THE STEALING, ATTEMPTED STEALING OR CONSPIRACY TO STEAL, CERTAIN RATIONED PROPERTY AT ANY TIME, OR ANY PROPERTY DURING CERTAIN EMERGENCIES. Chap. 2

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is the immediate protection of the property of the inhabitants of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and convenience. Emergency preamble.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Whoever steals or attempts to steal any tire, food or other property rationed by the federal government or any agency thereof, or by the commonwealth, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years or in a jail or house of correction for not more than two and one half years.

SECTION 2. Whoever steals or attempts to steal any property during a period of air raid alarm or during a blackout or during an invasion or insurrection shall be punished by the penalty provided in section one.

SECTION 3. Whoever conspires with one or more other persons to commit, or to procure or cause to be committed, any offense punishable under section one or two, shall be punished by the penalty provided in section one.

SECTION 4. This act shall be in effect during the continuance of the existing state of war between the United States and any foreign country. *Approved January 31, 1942.*

AN ACT MAKING CHANGES IN THE HIGHWAY AND RESERVE FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES. Chap. 3

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which in part is to make immediate provision for meeting certain county civilian defense and other war problems, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and convenience. Emergency preamble.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter five hundred and twenty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one is hereby amended by striking out, under the headings for the several counties hereinafter referred to, in item 16 in each case, the sum appropriated for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and forty-two, and inserting in place thereof the following sums, respectively:

(Barnstable county)	\$33,383 33
(Berkshire county)	39,500 00
(Bristol county)	30,600 00

(Dukes county)	\$5,100 00
(Essex county)	187,300 00
(Franklin county)	20,000 00
(Hampden county)	48,000 00
(Hampshire county)	35,000 00
(Middlesex county)	138,000 00
(Norfolk county)	51,000 00
(Plymouth county)	70,800 00
(Worcester county)	146,430 00

SECTION 2. Said section one is hereby further amended by striking out, under the headings for the several counties hereinafter referred to, in item 31 in each case, the sum appropriated for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and forty-two, and inserting in place thereof the following sums, respectively:

(Barnstable county)	\$10,000 00
(Berkshire county)	7,500 00
(Bristol county)	9,000 00
(Dukes county)	1,500 00
(Essex county)	15,000 00
(Franklin county)	5,000 00
(Hampden county)	12,500 00
(Hampshire county)	7,000 00
(Middlesex county)	20,000 00
(Norfolk county)	12,500 00
(Plymouth county)	10,000 00
(Worcester county)	12,500 00

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Chap. 4 AN ACT AUTHORIZING INVESTMENTS BY CITIES AND TOWNS IN UNITED STATES DEFENSE OR OTHER BONDS, REGULATING THE MAKING OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY LOANS, THE EXPENDITURE OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY FUNDS, AND THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS BY DISTRICTS, PROVIDING FOR THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN CERTAIN ELECTIVE OFFICES IN DISTRICTS, AND AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED STATES FOR THE USE AND OCCUPATION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY.

Emergency
preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which in part is to empower the cities, towns and districts of the commonwealth to take without delay in the existing emergency of war the action provided for therein, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. During the continuance of the existing state of war between the United States and any foreign country, any city or town is hereby authorized to invest, in defense bonds or other bonds issued by the federal government, a