

hundred and fourteen and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, are hereby extended so as to include and apply to all corporations and companies mentioned in section one.

Approved April 9, 1920.

Chap. 296 AN ACT TRANSFERRING CERTAIN DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Certain duties of department of public health transferred to metropolitan district commission.

The powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the department of public health and the commissioner of public health in pursuance of chapter four hundred and eighty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and seven and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, and of chapter seventy-four of the Special Acts of nineteen hundred and eighteen, are hereby transferred to, and hereafter shall be exercised and performed by, the metropolitan district commission.

Approved April 9, 1920.

Chap. 297 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COLD STORAGE OF FOODS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

1912, 652, § 2, etc., amended.

SECTION 1. Chapter six hundred and fifty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and twelve, as amended by section two of chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby further amended by striking out section two and substituting the following: — *Section 2.* No person, firm or corporation shall maintain a cold storage or refrigerating warehouse without a license issued by the department of public health. Any person, firm or corporation desiring such a license may make written application to the department, stating the situation of its plant or plants. On receipt of the application the department shall cause an examination to be made of the sanitary condition of the plant, and if it is found to be in a sanitary condition and otherwise properly equipped for the business of cold storage, the department shall cause a license to be issued authorizing the applicant to maintain therein a cold storage or refrigerating warehouse for the period of one year: *provided*, that a license fee of ten dollars shall be paid. The license fees so received shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth. In case any warehouse, or any part thereof, licensed under the provisions of this section, shall be

Licenses to maintain cold storage warehouses to be issued by department of health.

Proviso.

Suspension of license.

deemed by the department of public health to be conducted in an unsanitary manner, the department shall close such warehouse or part thereof, until it shall be put in a sanitary condition, and the department shall also have power to suspend the license in case the required changes are not made within a reasonable time. Every such licensee shall furthermore submit, on or before the fifteenth day of each month, a report to the said department on a printed form to be provided by the department, stating the quantities of articles of food placed in cold storage during the month preceding, and also the quantities of articles of food held on the first day of the month in which the report is filed.

Licensees to report.

SECTION 2. Section four of said chapter six hundred and fifty-two is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof, the words: — All articles of food when deposited in cold storage, which have been previously stored in any other state or country, shall be plainly marked as provided in this section, with the dates of their original deposit in cold storage, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 4.* All articles of food when deposited in cold storage shall be marked plainly with the date of receipt on the containers in which they are packed, or, if not packed in containers, on or in connection with the articles, except fish. All articles of food when deposited in cold storage, which have been previously stored in any other state or country, shall be plainly marked as provided in this section, with the dates of their original deposit in cold storage.

1912, 652, § 4, amended.

Articles of food deposited to be marked, etc.

SECTION 3. Section seven of said chapter six hundred and fifty-two, as amended by section five of said chapter one hundred and forty-nine, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the words: — It shall be unlawful to alter, deface or remove any marking on cold storage food, which shows the date of its receipt in cold storage until after the food is finally withdrawn for the purpose of immediate sale for consumption, and it shall be unlawful to transfer the ownership of food in cold storage without previously making known to the purchaser of the same the date on which it was originally placed in cold storage, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 7.* It shall be unlawful to return to cold storage any article of food that has once been released from such storage for the purpose of placing it on the market for sale, but nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the transfer of goods from one cold storage or refrigerating warehouse to another, provided that such transfer is not

1912, 652, § 7, etc., amended.

Articles of food released from cold storage not to be returned, etc.

Proviso.

Markings not to be defaced, etc., until, etc.

made for the purpose of evading any provision of this act. It shall be unlawful to alter, deface or remove any marking on cold storage food, which shows the date of its receipt in cold storage until after the food is finally withdrawn for the purpose of immediate sale for consumption, and it shall be unlawful to transfer the ownership of food in cold storage without previously making known to the purchaser of the same the date on which it was originally placed in cold storage.

Repeal.

SECTION 4. Sections seven and eight of chapter three hundred and fifty-one of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and nineteen are hereby repealed.

Approved April 9, 1920.

Chap. 298 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION OF ELEVATORS BY MINORS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Certain minors not to operate, etc., freight elevators.

SECTION 1. No minor under sixteen years of age shall be employed or permitted to operate, clean or repair a freight elevator.

Penalty.

SECTION 2. Violation of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

Approved April 9, 1920.

Chap. 299 AN ACT RELATIVE TO PLACING THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF MARLBOROUGH UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

City of Marlborough, question of placing chief of police under civil service laws to be resubmitted to voters.

Chapter four hundred and sixty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and eleven, as amended by section twenty-two of chapter two hundred and ninety-one of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and eighteen, placing the chief of police, in cities and towns which accept the said chapter, under the civil service laws, shall be resubmitted to the voters of the city of Marlborough on the official ballot at the next municipal election.

Approved April 10, 1920.

Chap. 300 AN ACT RELATIVE TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR MINORS AND OTHERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

1919, 296 (G), § 8, amended.

Section eight of chapter two hundred and ninety-six of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and nineteen is hereby