

who, with the insurance commissioner or some person whom he may appoint as special deputy for that purpose, shall constitute a board of appeal for fire insurance rates. The insurance commissioner or his special deputy shall be chairman of the board. An office and a room for hearings shall be provided by the commonwealth, when they are deemed necessary by the governor and council, and the board may employ a stenographer and shall have power to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and documents.

Persons
aggrieved
may file
complaint.

SECTION 2. Any person, firm or corporation aggrieved by any rating of a fire insurance company or board may file a complaint with the insurance commissioner, who shall notify the board above provided for. The complaint shall be in writing and shall state in detail the grounds upon which the complainant asks relief. The said board shall notify in writing all parties whom it deems to be interested, and shall set a time, not earlier than seven days after the date of the notice, and a place for a hearing upon the complaint. After due hearing the board shall make a finding as to whether the established rate is excessive, unfair or discriminatory and shall make such recommendations as it deems advisable. The finding and recommendation in each case shall be made a matter of record and shall be open to public inspection.

Compensa-
tion.

SECTION 3. The compensation of the two appointees of the governor and a special deputy, if appointed, shall be severally ten dollars a day for each day or fraction thereof actually employed in the service, but the insurance commissioner shall receive no extra compensation for service on the board. The necessary expenses of the board in carrying out the provisions of this act shall be borne by the commonwealth.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 27, 1911.

Chap. 494 AN ACT TO CONSTITUTE EIGHT HOURS A DAY'S WORK FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Eight hours
to constitute
a day's work
for public
employees.

SECTION 1. The service of all laborers, workmen and mechanics, now or hereafter employed by the commonwealth or by any county therein or by any city or town which has accepted the provisions of section twenty of chapter one hundred and six of the Revised Laws, or of section forty-two of

chapter five hundred and fourteen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine, or by any contractor or sub-contractor for or upon any public works of the commonwealth or of any county therein or of any such city or town, is hereby restricted to eight hours in any one calendar day, and it shall be unlawful for any officer of the commonwealth or of any county therein, or of any such city or town, or for any such contractor or sub-contractor or other person whose duty it shall be to employ, direct or control the service of such laborers, workmen or mechanics to require or permit any such laborer, workman or mechanic to work more than eight hours in any one calendar day, except in cases of extraordinary emergency. Danger to property, life, public safety or public health only shall be considered cases of extraordinary emergency within the meaning of this section. In cases where a Saturday half holiday is given the hours of labor upon the other working days of the week may be increased sufficiently to make a total of forty-eight hours for the week's work. Threat of loss of employment or to obstruct or prevent the obtaining of employment or to refrain from employing in the future, shall each be considered to be "requiring" within the meaning of this section. Engineers shall be regarded as mechanics within the meaning of this act.

SECTION 2. Every contract, excluding contracts for the Contracts.
purchase of material or supplies, to which the commonwealth or any county therein or any city or town which has accepted the provisions of section twenty of chapter one hundred and six of the Revised Laws, is a party which may involve the employment of laborers, workmen or mechanics shall contain a stipulation that no laborer, workman or mechanic working within this commonwealth, in the employ of the contractor, sub-contractor or other person doing or contracting to do the whole or a part of the work contemplated by the contractor shall be requested or required to work more than eight hours in any one calendar day, and every such contract which does not contain this stipulation shall be null and void.

SECTION 3. Any agent or official of the commonwealth or Penalty.
of any county therein or of any city or town or any contractor or sub-contractor or any agent or person acting on behalf of any contractor or sub-contractor who violates any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for six months or both such fine and imprisonment for each offence.

Not to apply
in certain
cases.

SECTION 4. This act shall not apply to the preparation, printing, shipment and delivery of ballots to be used at a caucus, primary, state, city or town election, nor during the sessions of the general court to persons employed in legislative printing or binding; nor shall it apply at any time to persons employed in any state, county or municipal institution, on a farm, or in the care of the grounds, in the stable, in the domestic or kitchen and dining room service or in store rooms or offices.

Repeal.

SECTION 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. *Approved May 27, 1911.*

Chap. 495

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FIREARMS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Certain terms
defined.

SECTION 1. In this act the term "firearms" means a pistol, revolver or other weapon of any description loaded or unloaded from which a shot or bullet can be discharged and in which the length of barrel, not including any revolving, detachable or magazine breech, does not exceed twelve inches. The words "licensing board" mean the mayor and city council in cities and the selectmen of towns. This act shall not apply to antique firearms which are incapable of use as firearms.

Certain
rights not
affected.

SECTION 2. This act shall not affect the rights conferred or penalties imposed concerning firearms by laws now in force, except in so far as such laws are inconsistent herewith.

Licenses.

SECTION 3. The licensing board in any city or town may, in its discretion, grant licenses to persons to sell, rent or lease firearms. Every such license shall specify the street, lane, alley, or other place, and the street number or other particular description of the building where the licensee shall exercise his employment under said license, and the license shall not protect a licensee who exercises his employment in any other place than that so specified.

Conditions
of license.

SECTION 4. The license shall be expressed to be, and shall be, subject to the following conditions: — First: That the provisions in regard to the nature of the license, and the building in which the business may be carried on under it, shall be strictly adhered to. Second: That every licensee shall, before delivery of a firearm, make or cause to be made a true entry in a book to be kept for that purpose, specifying the description of the firearm, the make, number, whether single barrel, magazine, revolver, pin, rim, or central fire, whether sold, rented, or leased, the date and hour of such