

with, or whoever knowingly conceals, sells, removes or transports, or knowingly causes or authorizes to be concealed, sold, removed or transported, an animal, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that it is affected with a contagious disease, or whoever knowingly authorizes or permits such animal to go at large upon any public way within this commonwealth, or whoever knowingly brings or authorizes or permits to be brought from another country, state, district or territory into this commonwealth, an animal which is affected with or has been exposed to a contagious disease, or whoever disobeys a lawful order or regulation of the commissioner of animal industry or of any of his agents or inspectors in the performance of their duty under the provisions of this chapter, shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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

*Approved March 1, 1918.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF POUNDS, WEIRS AND TRAPS IN CERTAIN TIDAL WATERS. *Chap. 40*

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

Section one hundred and twenty of chapter ninety-one of the Revised Laws is hereby repealed. *Repeal.*

*Approved March 1, 1918.*

AN ACT PROVIDING A CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR THE UNLAWFUL CHALLENGING OF VOTERS AT ELECTIONS. *Chap. 41*

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

Section three hundred of chapter eight hundred and thirty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: — Any person challenging a qualified voter for purposes of intimidation, or of ascertaining how he voted, or for any other illegal purpose, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 300.* If in any state, city or town election at which official ballots are used the right of a person offering to vote is challenged for any legal cause, the presiding officer shall administer to him the following oath: 1913, 835, § 300, amended.

Proceedings when vote is challenged.

You do solemnly swear [or affirm] that you are the identical person whom you represent yourself to be, that you are registered in this precinct [or town] and that you have not voted at this election.

He shall also be required to write his name and residence on the outside of the ballot offered, and the presiding officer shall add thereto the name of the person challenging, and the cause assigned therefor, whereupon such ballot shall be received; and no person shall make any statement or give any information in regard thereto, except as required by law. The clerk shall record the name and residence of every person who has been challenged and has voted.

Penalty for unlawful challenge.

Any person challenging a qualified voter for purposes of intimidation, or of ascertaining how he voted, or for any other illegal purpose, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars. *Approved March 1, 1918.*

*Chap. 42* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

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

1909, 490, Part I, § 5, clause 11, amended.

SECTION 1. The eleventh clause of section five of Part I of chapter four hundred and ninety of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine is hereby amended by inserting after the word "furniture", in the second line, the words:— used in the dwelling which is the place of his domicile, — so as to read as follows:— Eleventh, The wearing apparel and farming utensils of every person; his household furniture used in the dwelling which is the place of his domicile not exceeding one thousand dollars in value; and the necessary tools of a mechanic not exceeding three hundred dollars in value.

Tax exemptions, household furniture, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. *Approved March 6, 1918.*

*Chap. 43* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FRAUDULENT TRANSFERS OF STOCK TO EVADE TAXATION.

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

Repeal.

SECTION 1. Section thirty-one of Part I of chapter four hundred and ninety of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. *Approved March 6, 1918.*