

Chap.305

AN ACT CONCERNING OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*Penalty for
furnishing ob-
scene publica-
tions to minors.

Whoever sells, lends, gives away or has in his possession with intent to sell or distribute, or otherwise offers for loan, gift, sale or distribution to any minor child any book, pamphlet, magazine, newspaper or other printed paper devoted to the publication or principally made up of criminal news, police reports, or accounts of criminal deeds, or pictures and stories of lust or crime, or exhibits upon any street or highway or in any other place within the view or which may be within the view of any minor child, or in any manner hires or employs any minor child to sell or give away, or in any way to distribute, or who having the custody or control of any minor child permits such child to sell, give away or in any other way to distribute any such book, pamphlet, magazine, newspaper or printed paper, shall be punished by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding two years or by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars nor less than one hundred dollars.

*Approved June 8, 1885.**Chap.306*

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS REFORMATORY AT CONCORD.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Appropriation.

The sum hereinafter mentioned is appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, from the ordinary revenue, for the purposes specified herein, to wit: — For current expenses at the Massachusetts Reformatory at Concord, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, being in addition to the fifty-four thousand dollars appropriated by chapter thirteen of the acts of the present year.

*Approved June 8, 1885.**Chap.307*

AN ACT IN RELATION TO VACANCIES IN BOARDS OF HEALTH.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*Vacancies in
boards of
health.

SECTION 1. If a person elected a member of a board of health in any town, respecting which no provision is made by special law for choosing a board of health, after being duly notified of his election in the manner in which town officers are required to be notified, refuses or neglects to accept said office, or if a member of a board of health in such town declines further service, or from change of residence or otherwise becomes unable to attend to the duties of the board, the remaining members shall, in writ-

ing, give notice of the fact to the selectmen of such town, and the two boards shall thereupon, after giving public notice of at least one week, jointly proceed to fill such vacancy.

SECTION 2. This act shall apply to vacancies now existing in boards of health elected before the passage of this act, and shall take effect upon its passage.

To apply to those now existing.

Approved June 8, 1885.

AN ACT TO ALLOW INSURANCE COMPANIES TO MAKE ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS OF THEIR CAPITAL STOCK. *Chap.308*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. In addition to the investments now allowed by law, the capital stock of insurance companies may be invested in any of the securities in which savings banks may invest their deposits.

Investments by insurance companies.

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

Approved June 8, 1885.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO LICENSE GROVES TO BE USED FOR PICNICS AND OTHER LAWFUL AMUSEMENTS. *Chap.309*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. The mayor and aldermen of any city except Boston, and in Boston the police commissioners, and the selectmen of any town, may grant a license to any person to establish, let, keep open and maintain a grove to be used for picnics or other lawful gatherings and amusements, for hire, gain or reward, upon such conditions and regulations as they deem proper, subject to the provisions of sections one hundred and twenty-four, one hundred and twenty-six and one hundred and twenty-seven of chapter one hundred and two of the Public Statutes.

May license groves for picnics, etc.

SECTION 2. Whoever without such license shall establish, let, keep open or maintain by himself or another, a grove to be used for picnics or other amusements, for hire, gain or reward, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Penalty for establishing groves without license.

SECTION 3. Any marshal or his deputy, sheriff or his deputy, constable, police officer or watchman, may at any time enter into a grove or any building therein for the purpose of enforcing any law of the state; and whoever obstructs or hinders the entrance of such officer shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than ten.

Police officers, etc., may enter groves.